



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, August 1, 1919

**Died:** Sunday, April 14, 2019

Irene H. Harper passed away peacefully in the presence of her family on Sunday, April 14 at the age of 99.

She was born August 1, 1919 to Mary Christina and John Maki in Kinney, MN. In 1928, she moved to the New Llano Colony near Leesville, LA with her widowed mother and five siblings: Gertrude, Myrtle, George (Yom), Wilhart (Chic), and Milton.

After graduating from Leesville High School in 1935 she moved to Michigan where she married John C. Harper in 1940 in Northville, MI and in 1942 moved to Plymouth, MI where they raised four children: Mary Louise, John, George, and Charles.

She was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband as an administrative assistant at Lamson and Sessions Co. in Redford Twp, MI. She and her husband retired in 1978 and moved to Aurora, KY where they stayed until 1994 when they moved to South Bend, IN where she remained until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, husband, and sons George and John.

She leaves behind two children, eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Prince of Peace Church, 53105 Ironwood Rd., South Bend, IN at 11:00am on Saturday, May 4. In honor of her love of reading, donations may be made in her name to the St. Joseph County Public Library. Family and friends may leave e-mail condolences at [www.welsheimer.com](http://www.welsheimer.com)

Charitable donations may be made in Irene's memory to the following organization:

**Saint Joseph County Public Library**  
304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601

## Service Summary

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### Memorial Service

11:00 AM Sat May 04, 2019

### Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

53105 Ironwood  
South Bend, IN 46635