

# Irene Mary Theresa Boisvert

October 19, 1935 ~ January 10, 2017 (age 81)

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## Services

### VISITATION

Saturday  
January 14, 2017  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Athabasca Community Chapel -  
The Caring Group  
Athabasca, AB

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### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday  
January 16, 2017  
1:00 PM  
Athabasca Community Chapel -  
The Caring Group  
Athabasca, AB

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### INTERMENT FOLLOWING FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday  
January 16, 2017  
Athabasca Community  
Cemetery  
Athabasca, AB

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With great sadness and heavy hearts, our family announces the departure of beloved Mother and Grandmother, Irene Boisvert, who passed away January 10th, 2017, in the caring hands of staff at Athabasca Health Care Centre.

Irene was born October 19, 1935 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, as an only child to Hazel (born in Vibank, SK) and Lawrence (aka Sonny) Seyfried (North Dakota, USA) who moved from Bengough, Saskatchewan in 1929 to their homestead at Lawrence Lake District in the Grosmont area where they raised dear Irene.

Early Recollections of Irene's include her living with her parents between their Homestead and nearby sawmill camps on a seasonal basis where her mom was cook and her dad a mill labourer. Her parents also farmed and her dad trapped and did some commercial fishing with his brother.

During elementary years, Irene was home schooled grade one by her mother, bussed to Ranch School near Hondo for grade two, and by grade three Lawrence Lake School was finally built where her dad played a major role in the building of it and was also a school trustee.

For grades 10 -12, Irene attended Athabasca High School (the Old Brick School) and boarded at the Academy run by the Catholic Church (now the historical Powell House). She then went onto the University of Alberta and achieved an elementary teacher certificate in 1954. Irene's first five years of teaching 1954-1959 were at Lahaivelle School near Grosmont. She later taught full-time at Smith School then substituted at the Hutterite Colony and Athabasca Elementary Schools.

Irene first met her future husband, Joseph (Joe) Boisvert, during high school years through the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) where they shared music in common. They married in 1958, and from 1959-1965 had 5 children. In 1965, Joe and Irene moved from Athabasca to the Seyfried homestead to raise their family and live next to Irene's parents where Joe operated his metal fabricating shop from after he quit trucking.

For the years to follow, Irene and Joe played for hundreds of weddings, anniversaries, cabarets, and other events in the Athabasca region with 3 of their children and other local musicians.

Irene was always appreciative for what she was given in life and proud of her family's accomplishments. She shared her joy of teaching and music with many.

She was predeceased by Joe in 2008, her parents (Sonny) in 1983 and (Hazel) in 1991, a close Aunt (Mary Seyfried) and musical cousins (Tom Seyfried and Hank Keobke) as well as her mother and father in law (Ovide and Rose Boisvert) and other in-laws who passed before her.

She leaves to mourn her loss 5 children - Marcel (Viola), Gisele, Rene, Claudette (Terry), and Maxine; 8 grandchildren – Rachelle (Steve) Green, Danny Melsness, Terrence Van Camp (Sarah), Kyle Tegenkamp (Janessa), Tanna Tegenkamp, Marcy Boisvert, Dale Boisvert, Adrian Johnson (Sarah); and 5 great grandchildren - Christian, Beau, Arianna, Brinley, and Benjamin (Benny).

Also left behind are numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

Honorary Pallbearers include: Sister Yvonne Patry, Pat Johnson, Lucille Isfeld, Ray Kolach, Emile Kryvenchuk, and cousins: Bernice Logan and Sandra Maurice.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Pleasant Valley Lodge.