



## Irene M. Barnes

August 19, 1930 - April 22, 2017

Irene Mary Barnes, 86, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at her home in Conshohocken. Daughter of the late William J. and Maryann (Rydel) Bonkoski. Irene was born on August 19, 1930 in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, where she lived most of her life.

She was predeceased by her beloved brother Walter "Vodge" Bonkoski.

Irene was the wife of the late Edgar V. Barnes. She is survived by 2 daughters, Karen Ottey and her son-in-law, Brian, of Plymouth Meeting; Joanna Koziol, and son-in-law Stan, of Oaks; her grandchildren, Michael and Melissa Koziol (& Devine) and Joshua (& Christina ) Ottey; her great-grandchildren Sierra and Miles.

Irene was a member of St. Mary's Church and went to St. Mary's elementary school. She graduated from Conshohocken High School in 1948. She held many different jobs when she was younger; waitress, switchboard operator at Bell Telephone, secretary at Continental Diamond and Fiber, Wanamakers Department store and Peoples National Bank in Norristown. She also attended Norristown Business School.

Her favorite job of all was being a mother, which gave her so much joy and later in life having grandchildren and then recently becoming a great-grandmother.

Irene loved animals, her dogs “Bootsie” & “Blue” and many cats over the years. Later in life she loved feeding the birds and squirrels that came to her back yard. She enjoyed working in her garden, planting flowers, especially roses.

She loved watching old movies, especially John Wayne and Elvis Presley. She could remember the names of all the actors and actresses. Her favorite movie was “Harry & Tonto”, which she could watch over and over again. She also loved listening to Frank Sinatra music.

In recent years she attended the Senior Center in Norristown, where she loved to talk to the people she met there.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects on Friday morning April 28 from 8:30 to 10am at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30am in St. Matthew’s RC Church, 3rd Ave. & Fayette St., Conshohocken. Interment is private in St. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory may be made to: [www.CatCrew.org](http://www.CatCrew.org) or 610-825-9471.

# Previous Events

## Morning Visitation

APR 28. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

William A. Moore Funeral Home  
708 Fayette Street  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
(610) 828-4006  
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

## Mass

APR 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew RC Church  
3rd Ave. & Fayette St.  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

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**Josh Ottey** - April 27, 2017 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Karen Ottey lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Barnes*



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**Karen Ottey** - April 26, 2017 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Joanna Koziol lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Barnes*



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**Joanna koziol** - April 26, 2017 at 05:55 PM

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“ Dear Karen and Joni I have such fond memories of your Mother. She was always a pleasure to talk to. I loved hearing how much she loved her animals. I know how much you will miss her along with your family. My prayers and thoughts are with you. So very sorry for the loss of such a " Wonderful Lady" . wishing you comfort linda murray

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**linda stenella** - April 26, 2017 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ Karen, I was so glad to have met your mom. What a lovely lady! She was very lucky to have such a great daughter such as yourself to make sure she was comfortable and cared for.

*Sincerely,*

*Corey May*

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**Corey May** - April 25, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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**Joanna Koziol** - April 24, 2017 at 06:44 PM

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*Thanksgiving 2016, Four generations together.*

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**Joanna Koziol** - April 24, 2017 at 06:52 PM