



# Irene Elizabeth Vitak

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Irene (Renie) Vitak (nee Klein) of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on January 12, 2018. She was the much-loved wife of the late George Vitak and the sister of the late John Klein. She is survived by her loving son, Michael Cockey of Rehoboth Beach, DE, her sister, Carolyn Swindell in Virginia, and her brother, Tom Klein in Nevada. She is also survived by her nieces, Denise Creech and Sheila Wright in Virginia, and her nephew, Larry Swindell in North Carolina as well as a grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Renie was a warm and good natured person who loved living in Rehoboth Beach for the past 24 years. She regularly attended Epworth UM Church with her son and his partner, the late Ron Steen. For the past six years she participated in activities at Beebe Healthcare Gull House, where she was very attached to the caring staff there. Although she had endured many difficult times in her life, her saving grace was a sincere love of people. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was always ready for joking and laughter. She will be sorely missed by the many people who delighted in being with her.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

Donations in Renie's memory may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church for its Good Samaritan Program to the address listed above.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



# Events

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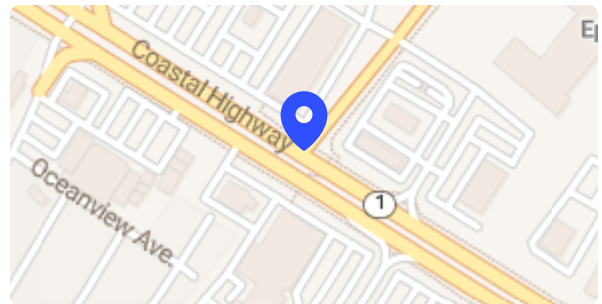
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 27, 2018


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Epworth United Methodist Church**  
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE

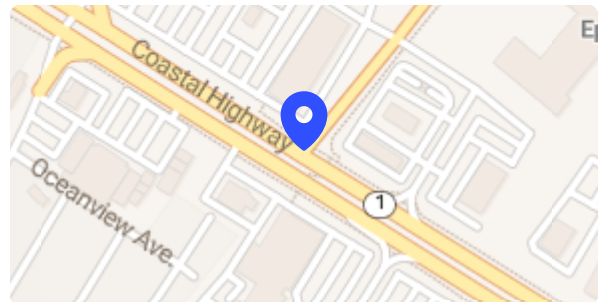


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# Tribute Wall

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**Vicki Sjolander And Pj Widerman** posted:

Michael, you and Renie were the best comedy team we ever knew. We will remember and cherish her sharp wit and eagerness to share her opinions. She will truly be missed. Our love to you. Vicki and PJ.

January 27 at 5:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Vitak family.



January 25 at 5:38 AM



**Dolph Spain/Loyd Johnson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My memory of Renie begins about 24 years ago when she rented next door to Loyd and me in Rehoboth and how we played a role in how she left Baltimore and permanently moved to Rehoboth. We visited every day and as the summer went on and was coming to and end, she told me she did not want to go back to Baltimore.

That was all I needed and the search began. We surprised Michael with the news the weekend he came to take her home. Before the weekend was over, she had found a new home and was off to Baltimore to sell her house, pack up and settle down in Rehoboth for the next 24 years. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and witty exchanges, especially with Michael, her devoted son, deserving a Nobel Prize for taking such good care of her during her waning years.

January 24 at 7:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Vitak family.



January 24 at 10:03 AM



**Love Trish And John Kelley** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Vitak family.



January 23 at 8:27 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vitak family.



January 22 at 5:07 PM



**Robin Palumbo Thompson** posted:

Michael-I am so sorry for your loss!! I really enjoyed meeting you and your mom and working with her when she was at Cadbury for rehab. Praying for you during this difficult time. Robin Palumbo Thompson

January 19 at 6:07 PM



**Cathy Benson/Susan Jimenez** posted:

Mrs. Vitak, or "Michael's mother", which is how I knew her, was such a dear soul. I looked forward to seeing her nearly every Sunday at Epworth UM Church, and always commented on how pretty she looked. She always said that Michael dressed her, and that he did a pretty good job. She so reminded me of my own dear mother, and it was a joy to see her. Praying for comfort and peace for Michael and the rest of the family. She was a wonderful lady indeed.

January 18 at 5:38 PM



**Terry Palumbo** January 23 at 9:32 AM

Michael: I just heard about your mom's passing. My sincere condolences. I will miss seeing her! She always had a smile and always spoke so lovingly of you! We only get one mother, I know your loss also. Praying for you and the family. Terry Palumbo



**Cathy Benson/Susan Jimenez** January 18 at 5:39 PM

Cathy Benson and Susan Jimenez



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JF

**Jim And Betty Chenowith And Family** posted:

She has been my best friend for over fifty years. We moved in next door to Renie and George shortly after we were married. George and Renie were the best neighbors anyone could ask for. When the children came along they spoiled them as if they were their own. We shared many Saturday nights playing games with the children and then playing cards. They helped us move my parents to Virginia in a U-Haul truck. We ran out of gas in a snowstorm, but hat memories we have of that trip. Friends like this don't come along every day. We didn't see much of Renie after we moved to Virginia 22 years ago, but we stopped by every time we got near Rehoboth Beach. We did get to see her and Michael two summers ago, and I could not believe how well she was and how she was still her happy, pleasant and caring self. Michael was the best son a Mother could wish for. Rest in Peace our Very Very Good Friend. Love you forever,Jim and Betty

January 17 at 12:13 PM

JF

**Jenn Foskey** posted:

A wonderful lady who always brought a smile and a laugh to everyone she met! She will be remembered always. Condolences to her family

January 17 at 3:29 AM

DS

**Dee Speck** January 26 at 12:57 AM

Michael, your Mother was such a dear, lovely lady. We loved greeting her in church and were always met with her wonderful smile and witty responses. You were a wonderful son, so patient, loving and caring. Renie was truly blessed. Our hearts go out to you at this time and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dee Speck and Linda Kauffman

MH

**Meg And Tom O'hare** January 23 at 3:11 PM

One thing I know is that Michael's Mom laughed a lot. I often think of the sound of her laugh. She was a wonderful, loving person-mpther, wife, sister, aunt and friend. May she rest in God.s peace. Our sincerest condolences. Meg and Tom O'Hare

GB

**Gary Blank** January 17 at 4:56 PM

When I think of East Baltimore and the warmth of people there I will always remember the smile and easy warmth that emanated from Michael's mother whenever we visited her. She treated us all as her children, with love and open arms because she knew if her son accepted us then we must be part of a real family.



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Irene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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