



## Irene G. Sniffin

February 15, 1930 - May 15, 2026

Irene Gwendolyn Sniffin, born Feb. 15, 1930, passed away peacefully at home on May 15. Irene was the beloved wife (widow) of Arthur. She was a loving and supportive mother of Megan (Todd), Andrew (Julie), Todd (Ondine) and grandmother of David, Jane, Sophia, and Olivia. Irene was the devoted daughter of Adelaide [Aanonsen] and Carl Birnstill. After spending some years at Queens College, Flushing, NY., she was a statistical Vari-typist at the Celanese Corporation and a Vari-typist at the National Broadcasting Company. In 1975, she began a decades-long association with the Huntington Historical Society (HHS) as a volunteer and library assistant. Irene indexed, abstracted, collated, typed, and proof-read the HHS publication of four volumes of *The Index to the Long-Islander, 1839-1862*. The first in her family to publish, she authored the article, "Newspapers – A Study of a Genealogical Source" for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (September 1980). She indexed Henry Lloyd's Salt Box Manor House in 1982 for the Lloyd Harbor Historical Society. After many years of intense study on genealogical research methods, along with Arthur, she helped organize HHS genealogy workshops. In 2008, honored as Volunteer of the Year by HHS and together with Arthur, she received a Suffolk County proclamation in recognition of the President's Award for Service, HHS. Irene loved ballet and tap dancing. Her embroidery and crewel work were accomplished. She was an avid reader of English and Scandinavian mysteries. She loved the challenge of tracing the history of her Norwegian and German ancestors. Irene swung to the music of

Benny Goodman and sang along with Frank Sinatra (who would occasionally sit across the counter from her at the NBC cafeteria). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Huntington Historical Society, Huntington, NY or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Private cremation.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Tuesday Visitation

MAY 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
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### Wednesday Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Deborah Vandermaas lit a candle in memory of Irene G. Sniffin*



Deborah Vandermaas - June 06 at 06:40 AM

GF

“ *Grimes Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Irene G. Sniffin.*



Grimes Family - May 19 at 10:16 AM

GF

“ *Grimes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene G. Sniffin.*

Grimes Family - May 19 at 10:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene G. Sniffin.*



May 18 at 05:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene G. Sniffin.*



May 18 at 03:45 PM



“ *Eric and JeanE Marinoff purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Irene G. Sniffin.*



**Eric and JeanE Marinoff** - May 18 at 10:04 AM



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“ *Edward Bauer lit a candle in memory of Irene G. Sniffin*



**Edward Bauer** - May 17 at 06:15 PM

EB

“ *Edward Bauet lit a candle in memory of Irene G. Sniffin*



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**Edward Bauet** - May 17 at 06:14 PM