

Irene Rita Spano

September 15, 1937 - August 10, 2023

With great sorrow, the daughters of Irene Spano announce the loss of their mother. She was born to Robert Henry Stevenson and Alyce Sophie Judski in Floral Park, Long Island and lived in Bay Shore most of her adult life. She worked for the Brentwood NY School District as office manager of the Music Department until her retirement and thereafter lived in Florida.

She was most proud of her daughters Diane Marie (m. Robert Bencze) and Lorraine May (m. Eric Lazar). Her youngest, Patricia Ann Spano, predeceased her by three weeks. She took great interest in the lives and accomplishments of her grandsons John Michael and Daniel Bencze and granddaughters Paige, Kimberly, and Olivia Lazar, never missing a birthday, graduation, or holiday. In addition, she was a cherished aunt of 10 nieces and nephews. She is also predeceased by her husband Joseph and her sister Kathy Finnman Proctor.

Irene was a passionate owl admirer and collected anything owl themed. She enjoyed birdwatching in general and loved the bluebirds that set up nest in her yard. While she traveled extensively, Irene enjoyed her home community at Timber Pines in Spring Hill where she enjoyed golf and a small group of intimate friends with whom she dined, went to movies, and played cards or mahjong. She enjoyed choral singing and was a member of the Timber Tones which performed for her golf community and provided entertainment to area nursing homes. At this time, final arrangements are pending, but a memorial service is planned on Long Island in the near future.