



Irene Palen

June 1, 2026

Irene (Kallas) Palen

March 23, 1944 – June 1, 2026

Irene (Kallas) Palen — Gram to those who loved her — passed away peacefully on June 1, 2026, at the age of 82, surrounded by her family. Born in Jamaica, New York, she was raised in a first-generation immigrant household and spent most of her life on Kallas Court in Valley Stream, a home built by her parents on a street named after her father, Arthur Peter Kallas, who emigrated from Greece. Her mother, Anna Katherine (Stark) Kallas, emigrated from Holzmaden, Germany. Irene loved traveling, adored flowers, and was always looking for an excuse to dress up.

After retiring from Nassau County in 2019, Irene moved to Arizona to be near her family, where she spent her final years surrounded by those she loved. She is survived by her daughters, Dawn Palen of Winslow, Arizona, and Donna Palen of Bend, Oregon; her grandchildren, Timothy Palen of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Lexi Smith and her husband Gage Smith of Bend, Oregon.

Irene will be laid to rest at Nassau Knolls Cemetery in Port Washington, beside her mother, Anna Katherine (Stark) Kallas, a reunion she arranged herself, having ensured her mother was buried deep enough that one day they could share the same ground.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 20th, 2026, from 9:00-11:00AM at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at the 11:30AM at Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington, New York. A reception will follow for family and friends.

Family & Friends Can Order Flowers to be sent to Roslyn Heights Funeral Home by clicking on: <https://www.qgfloral.com/roslyn-heights-funeral-flowers/>

Cemetery Details

Nassau Knolls Cemetery

500 Port Washington Blvd
Port Washington, NY 11050-4295
(516) 944-8530

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
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Graveside Service

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