



Irene Lorraine Zavitz

1930 - 2026

Irene Lorraine Zavitz passed into the presence of her Saviour on October 3rd, 2026. Predeceased by her husband Harold (2017), son Lawrence (2014) and brother Lorne (2007). Loving mother of Wilbert (Stephanie) Zavitz of North Bay, her daughter-in-law Kathy Zavitz of Watford and Lorraine (David) Otto of Kitchener. Special grandma to Fraser Zavitz, Melissa Zavitz (Elijah Bailey), Joshua, Stephanie (Fletcher

Peters), Graham and Serena Otto. Survived by her dear sisters-in-law Noreen Butler, Esther Zavitz, Jan Zavitz, and brother-in-law John Egan.

Irene was born 95 years ago to Roy and Pearl Willoughby and grew up on the farm with her brother Lorne. As a young lady, she worked at the Bank of Montreal and Wallis Motors before fulfilling her dream of attending teacher's college. She married Harold in 1957, and they built a house in Warwick township where they raised their family.

Irene enjoyed teaching in various schools, Sunday school, children and youth ministries and adult Bible study where she taught into her 80's. A life-long member of Arkona Baptist Church she served as church clerk for 40 years and also served on the Christian Education Committee for the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

Irene helped Harold build the family business, H.E. Zavitz Electric, from the ground up providing bookkeeping support from day one – first at the kitchen table and later in the Zavitz Electric Office in Watford and continued working in the business into her 90's. Irene's family was very dear to her, and she loved to spend time with her grandchildren and would frequently email or text them. She took great personal interest in all their endeavours and prayed for them daily.

Through the years, Irene's deep trust in God sustained her, and she recognized His gracious hand in both the joys and sorrows of life. Irene's life spoke for itself—diligent, hardworking, and faithful. Her quiet strength, steadfast faith, and devotion to her family were evident in all that she did.

Thanks to the many people who cared for Irene during the past few years Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at DENNING'S OF WATFORD. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 11:00a.m. with Rev. Eric Campbell officiating at the funeral home. A time of reception will immediately follow, before the interment taking place at Arkona Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Arkona Baptist Church (PO Box 289 Arkona, ON, N0M 2B0 or arkonabaptistgivings@gmail.com) or Canadian Baptist Ministries: "Keep a Child in School: Kenya" (<https://www.cbmin.org/hopeful-gifts-for-change>)