



Iris Holland First

October 2, 2008

Iris Holand First went peacefully to her heavenly home Tuesday, October 2nd at 10:06 pm after a five year struggle with throat cancer and it's complications.

Iris was a strong and independent woman who faced life and death on her own terms. She was an incredible force to reckon with and is absolutely unforgettable.

She is survived by her precious daughter, Susan Crane, her husband, Larry and their children, Matthew and Elizabeth; and a grandson, Michael R. First Jr. and his mother, Lois First. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Richard and loving son, Michael R. First Sr., who drowned July 10, 2002. She leaves behind many friends, golfing partners and her constant companion Mickey, her cat.

Iris retired from the Supply Department Norfolk Naval Shipyard with thirty-five years of service. She was the Treasurer of the Supply Department Alumni Association. For eighteen years she was the Ballroom Dance Instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College. She enjoyed slalom water-skiing on the Nottaway River until age sixty-two. She then started golfing and was a member of Eagle Haven Women's Golf Association at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek. She was also a member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. A memorial service to honor and celebrate her life will be conducted by Chaplain Deb

Jenkins of Bon Secours Hospice at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel
Sunday October 12th at 3:00 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ Susan,
We send our sincere sympathy to you and your family You know your mother was special to us in so many ways and we'll miss her deeply. We have wonderful memories of our friendship from the last six years and they will stay with us forever.
Billy and Connie##imported-begin##Billy and Connie
Todd##imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Susan and family:

We will miss Iris very much and her wonderful e-mails and sense of humor. We loved her very much and our hearts of love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Elsie & Woody##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan & Family,

I am sorry about your loss of your mother.

I read this all the time since I lost my dad in 2000.

"We little knew that morning that God was going to call you your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again."

God bless you and your family at this time of need.

I love you all!!

Pam Williams##imported-begin##Pam Williams##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Susan,

I am so sorry to have read about your loss. It's been about 34 years since I've seen your mother but I remember she was a great lady, mother and wife. My heart goes out to you and your family. Your old friend,

Howard Jr.##imported-begin##Howard Callis##imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan & Family:

I was saddened to read your email this morning. Robert & I are fond of Iris, she was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed her as one of my "email buddies" and she will be missed so very much. May God continue to bless you at this time in ways to help you heal. We both have lost our parents, mine most recently within the last 5 years. Only time will heal, and you will always have wonderful memories to keep alive.

With our deepest sympathy,

Robert & Phyllis Barnett###imported-begin##Robert & Phyllis Barnett###imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Susan,

My most heartfelt condolences go out to you in the lost for your dear mom. Many years have passed since the lost of my wonderful parents. Loosing mom was tough but then loosing dad the last parent was even tougher. But with each of their passings I drew closer to the Father. He has never left my side drawing even closer when I lost Judy. He has met all of His promises to me and has always been there just as I'm sure He has been there for you. Susan He is all we really have and all that we really need.

Please know my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time and our Father has snuggled up closer to you at this time and His love is sufficient to see you through.###imported-begin##CLIFFORD WESLEY MANN###imported-end##

October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM