



## Irene "Hope" Hart-Rowe

April 5, 1941 - November 28, 2025

Irene Hart-Rowe, affectionately known as "Hope," passed away peacefully on November 28, 2025, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 84. Born on April 5, 1941, in Bronx, New York. Irene lived a life defined by unwavering dedication to her family, her community, and her faith.

Her professional journey was as diverse as it was impactful, beginning with her work caring for the elderly in her community—a testament to her boundless compassion. Irene served as a paraprofessional for the New York City Board of Education, where she influenced countless young minds. She was also an astute businesswoman, having owned a successful commercial cleaning business. Further exemplifying her nurturing spirit, she was both a foster parent and a house parent for a group home, roles she embraced with love and dedication. In her later years, she worked as a cook at a daycare center, sharing her warmth and culinary talents with children. Additionally, her career included a position with JP Morgan on Wall Street, showcasing her versatility and ambition.

Irene's personal interests were deeply rooted in her love for her children and her community. This love, coupled with her enduring faith, saw her achieve recognition, including a Certificate of Achievement awarded by Mayor Edward Koch and Governor Mario Cuomo.

She was preceded in death by her beloved eldest daughter, Kathleen; son-in-law, Robert Wilkerson; son, Kenneth; eldest granddaughter, Genevieve Hart; and her four sisters and one brother.

Hope is survived by her devoted daughters Ira, Myra, and Dawn; her cherished sons Menuhin Jr., Lawrence, Norman, and Richard; her treasured youngest brother, Dennis Brown; fourteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. Her loyal companion, Samuel Daniels, remains among those who will continue to hold her memory dear.

Irene Hart-Rowe was truly one of a kind. Her life was a testament to perseverance, compassion, and faith. Her impact will continue to echo through the many lives she touched, and her memory will be cherished forever.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel

606 SW 2nd Ave

Ocala, FL 34471

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# Tribute Wall



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*With Gratitude and Compassion*

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**Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - January 17 at 01:00 PM**