



# Martha Ann Ireland

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**M**artha Ann Ireland, age 90, of Centerville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Homestead Assisted Living in Centerville, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on August 4, 1935, Martha was the daughter of Orvil and Frances (Korte) Hetzler. She graduated with the Moulton High School with the Class of 1952 and went on to further her education in bookkeeping-skills that would serve her well throughout her life. Martha was united in marriage to Gerald Ireland on February 5, 1956, in Centerville, Iowa. Together they built a life rooted in hard work, faith in one another, and devotion to family. From this union, two children were born, Max and Nancy.

Martha was a dedicated and meticulous bookkeeper for Ireland Oil Company, where she worked alongside her husband as co-owner, helping the business thrive through her steady diligence and attention to detail. Later, from 1990 until her retirement in 2005, she worked in the cash office at the north Walmart in Centerville, where her reliability and friendly presence made her a valued part of the team.

Beyond her work, Martha embraced life with enthusiasm. She cherished her winters in Arizona, where sunshine and new adventures awaited. She was an avid basketball fan, faithfully cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes women's team and watching the Indiana Fever. Whether watching a game or enjoying a quiet evening, Martha found joy in life's simple pleasures.

Above all, Martha treasured her family. Time spent together-sharing meals, stories, laughter, and milestones-meant everything to her. Her love was steady, generous, and deeply felt by all who knew her. Martha will be remembered for her quiet strength, warm heart, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished and the many lives she touched throughout her 90 remarkable years.



## Obituary

**Martha Ann Irelan**

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Those left to cherish Martha's memory include her daughter, Nancy (Rodney) Stickler; her grandchildren, Nick Irelan, Elizabeth Irelan, Sammy Irelan, Kaitlin (Jeff) Woodward, and Taylor (Saúl) Phillips-Carreño-Cordova; her step-grandchildren, Ashleigh Stickler, and Owen (Casey) Stickler; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Orvil and Frances Hetzler; her husband, Gerald Irelan in 1998; her son, Max Irelan in 2020; and her siblings, Max Hetzler, MaryEtta Lake, and Lucian Schrodt.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30AM, Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Larry Bettis officiating. Burial will follow the service at Sunset View Cemetery in Moulton. Visitation will take place, Monday, February 16, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 5:00PM-7:00PM. Memorials have been established to either Furever Friends Rescue or Cat Connections, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Irelan Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at <https://www.thomasfh.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome> .

Services will be livestreamed and can be watched at this link:  
<https://my.gather.app/remember/martha-irelan>



# Events

**Martha Ann Ireland**

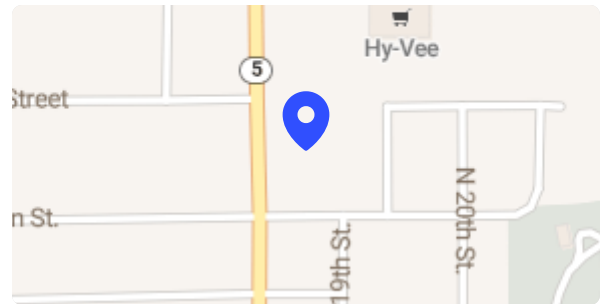
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## Visitation

**Monday**, February 16, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

**Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville**  
501 N. 18th St, Centerville IA 52544

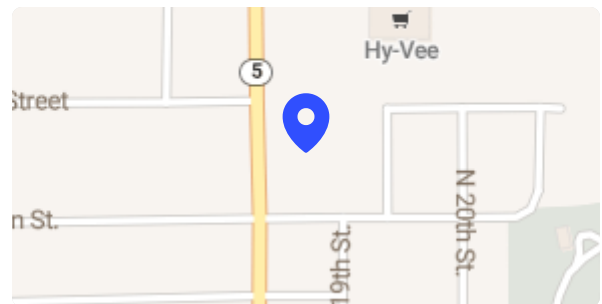


## Funeral Ceremony

**Tuesday**, February 17, 2026

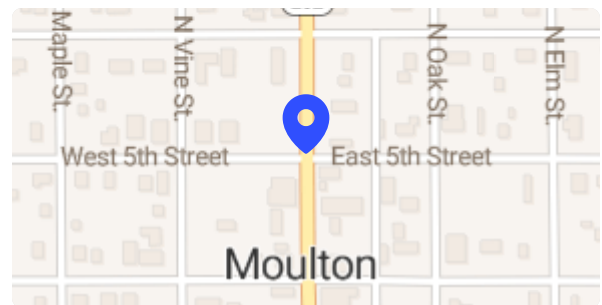
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## Cemetery Details

**Sunset View Cemetery**  
Moulton IA



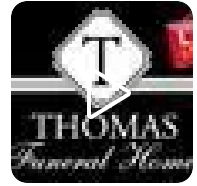


# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



February 14 at 11:42 AM



**Kathy Steele** posted:

I remember Martha telling me her parents lived to be in their 90's so she was going to work til she was 70 years old, 20 years of retirement was plenty

February 20 at 8:20 PM



**Shelley, Becky And Pat** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Ireland family.



February 13 at 11:30 PM



**Shelley, Becky And Pat** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martha.



February 13 at 11:30 PM



**Kelly Starchevich Culver** lit a candle in honor of Martha.



February 12 at 11:35 PM



**Kelly Starchevich Culver** posted:

Martha was like a second mom to me. Her daughter Nancy and I are good friends. She was always there at the county fair and helped our girls 4-H club. I loved when she taught us how to walk like a lady. She had books on top our heads walking around. Martha will be so missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family. RIP lovely lady. I know you will be watching over alot of family and friends.

February 12 at 11:34 PM



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**Treasury Family** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Ireland family.



February 12 at 12:39 PM



**Samantha Budiselich** posted:

Martha and I worked closely together for several years in the Wal-Mart cash office. We shared lots of laughs. Martha had a heart of gold and wicked sense of humor. We just recently reconnected, and I will miss her. My deepest condolences to all her family and friends. Sam Budiselich

February 12 at 10:30 AM



**Media**

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Martha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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