



## Irene Sophie Alto

October 22, 1918 - December 8, 2019

Irene Sophie Alto, age 101, of Cedarville, Michigan, died on December 8, 2019, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on October 22, 1918, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to John Alfred and Sophia Irene (Merva) Pitko.

Irene lived in Pittsburg for only a few years before her family moved to Michigan. She attended DeTour schools. She met Russell Martin Alto in 1938, and they married on February 20, 1938, at Sacred Heart Church in DeTour. They settled in Cedarville and raised two children. Irene's passion was her Antique Shop and Campground that she ran for several decades.

Irene enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, and making rag dolls and rugs. She was very social and loved meeting new people.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Delores (Jim) Hatfield of Pickford, MI; grandchildren, Anthony Alto, Nancy DePriest, and James (Marlene) Hatfield Jr.; great-grandchildren, Ryan (Jackie) Floyd, Karen Batchelor, Matthew (Britney) Floyd, Melissa Floyd, James Hatfield III, and Jacob Hatfield; great-great-grandchildren, James, Lilly, Leighton, and Beckett; sisters-in-law, Mary Pitko of Rapid River, Michigan, and Jackie Pitiko of Cedarville.

Irene is preceded in death by her son, James Alto; husband, Russell Alto; granddaughter, Lisa Hatfield; sisters, Barbara Pitko, Geraldine Pitko, Celia

Questard; and brothers, Miles, Edward, Leonard, John “Jim”, Louis, and Karl Pitko.

A graveside service and burial was at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial may be made to War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, PO Box 1858, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.  
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Sophie Alto*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Irene Sophie Alto*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Irene Sophie Alto*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *You are in Heaven now with your Family. My Mom, your Sister, is there with you. I love that thought. <3*

**Gloria Questard** - December 12, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Kris Mazur-Hermanson lit a candle in memory of Irene Sophie Alto*



**Kris Mazur-Hermanson** - December 11, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ *I have many wonderful memories of the time we spent with Irene and I will cherish them always.  
Irene was one of the finest people we've ever known.*



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**Frankie Pee** - December 11, 2019 at 10:12 AM



*Thank you for your kind words. She truly was an amazing woman.  
Karen (Irene's great-granddaughter)*

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**Karen Batchelor** - December 11, 2019 at 11:22 PM



*This is from Mary Callaghan Watson, I have know Mrs.Alto since I was child, her son Jimmy was my first love and her daughter Delores is my first daughters God mother. I remember the days around her house doing her hair and working at the camp grounds. Talking to Jimmy while he worked on his cars and double dated with Delores. I always made a point to come visit during my life to keep in touch. I have some of my fondest memories of my life in the Alto home. Much love and respect to the family.*

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**Mary Callaghan Watson** - December 12, 2019 at 08:44 PM