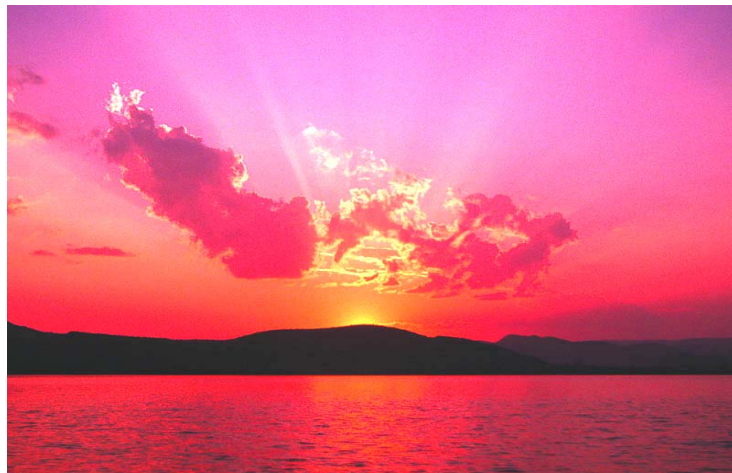


**AND THE GATES OF HEAVEN OPENED
TO WELCOME HOME AN ANGEL....**

Ann Marsden Irvin

September 11, 1934 – April 18, 2008



Chapey and Sons Funeral Home, Inc.
20 Hicksville Road
Bethpage, New York 11714
~April 20, 2008~

A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Ann Marsden Irvin

8:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

~Musical Interlude~

"This Little Light of Mine"

Cecilia Myers, Soloist

~Reflections from Ann M. Irvin's Family in Service~

Eileen Tucci

Extended Family at Nassau County Youth Board

Friends In Service

~Prayer Service~

Mother Christine Peterson Snyder

Priest In Charge

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

~"Ave Maria"~

Cecilia Myers, Soloist



"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Ann M. Irvin has lived a full and enriching life with character, spirit, commitment, and unconditional love for each of us. Her heart was big enough to hold many...

Ann was the devoted daughter to the late Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ruby Irvin; dear cousins of Dr. Robert and Christine Irvin, Kimberly, Paul, Will and Delia Bishop, Dorothy Marie and Jean Wilkey, Sandra and James Trent, B.A. and Delores Grubs, and others. Beloved by her extended family at the Nassau County Youth Board and friends throughout the human service community.

Having earned her M.S.W. Degree from Smith College in 1960, Ms. Irvin was a New York State Certified Social Worker and a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

In both her professional employment, as well as her voluntary efforts, Ann has displayed an abiding commitment to the welfare of youth and families throughout her thirty-five year tenure in Nassau County Government. She served as the Executive Director of the Nassau County Youth Board from 1972-2000. Committed as she was to the effective collaboration of youth and family development resources, Ms. Irvin often became involved in negotiations with various public and private agencies to initiate and sustain a premier youth and family development network. Prior to that, her life's work spanned from being a child welfare worker in her home state of Virginia, to working with children, youth and families in California, to launching innovative staff development and training at the Nassau County Probation Department.

Her deep sense of humility did not allow her to taut her accomplishments, but there were many...President, Association of New York State Youth Bureaus, leadership in the Nassau HIV Commission, Treasurer, Community Advocates and recipient of many national, statewide and local awards for her leadership, commitment and life's work.

As reflected by numerous statements from her colleagues and friends, "Ann has dedicated her life to helping others and promoting collaboration among all people regardless of age, race, creed or color. She is a tireless worker whose concerns and energies have always been directed toward improving the lives of others." This is symbolic of the mosaic of people that have come to know and love Ann through the years.

Her gentle spirit, deep sense of commitment and passion allowed her to bring people together. She taught by example; always willing to lend an ear, offer a hand or open her heart. Her love for animals and nature were no different.

She was a mentor and teacher to many - empowering them to find their way and "pay it forward." Her deep sense of spirituality was symbolic of Emily Dickinson's poem that the "dome of nature her church and the songbirds, her choir."

She has earned her wings now and her spirit and lessons will be in our hearts forever. A voice for youth, a consciousness for all! As the gates of heaven open to embrace you, rest in peace that your life's work is now done.

"ONE PERSON WITH BELIEF IS EQUAL TO A FORCE OF NINETY-NINE WHO HAVE ONLY INTERESTS." - John Stuart Mills

A deep sense of gratitude is offered by her family and friends to all who extended their hands and hearts to Ann throughout her ten-year journey with breast cancer. A "special note of thanks" is given to Dr. Ruth Oratz and her staff at NYU and to Winthrop University Hospital who fueled her spirit with grace, dignity, respect and competent care.