Irene Helena (Limerick) James, age 83, previously from Sunrise Beach, Missouri, and most recently from Hernando, FL, passed away Tuesday December 19, 2023. Irene was born on December 16, 1940 in Kansas City, Kansas to John Eugene and Pauline Virginia (Williams) Limerick.

Irene had one daughter, Paula Jean (Jackson) McGown. Irene also had five step-children whom she thought of as her own. They are Laura Powers, Brian James, Paula Scott, Charlene Myszka and Charles James.

Irene married Orville Richard James in 1977. They were blessed with 45 years of marriage. Orville and Irene moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, where Irene loved to cook big dinners. She often created her own recipes from "God's inspiration." Irene was active in her church, the senior citizen center, planting and growing flowers, and her love of leading people to the Lord.

To Irene's daughter, Paula, Irene was her heart. She will truly be missed by many. Irene will be laid to rest next to Orville in Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie, Missouri. A celebration of life will be at a later date to be announced. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

