



Irene Francis Neal

November 13, 1928 - June 10, 2025

Irene Francis Neal, cherished resident of Ada, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025, at the age of 96. Born on November 13, 1928, in Canada, Irene lived a life marked by creativity, devotion, and unwavering love for her family.

A gifted artist from a young age, Irene graduated from Salem Academy in North Carolina and went on to attend Yale University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in art. She pursued a career as a commercial artist, leaving her vibrant mark in all she did.

On May 6, 1946, Irene married the love of her life, Charles Allen Neal. Together, they enjoyed 71 years of partnership, building a family and a legacy rooted in affection, support, and mutual respect.

Irene was a devoted member of Roff Methodist Church, where her faith was evident in both word and deed. Her generous spirit touched many through her active involvement in various organizations, including the Sabettes of Saba Grotto, the Tulsa and Ada Garden Clubs, and as a dedicated volunteer at Valleyview Hospital and with Kiwanis in Ada.

She found her greatest joy in her family, delighting in their company and caring for them throughout her long and fruitful life. Irene's warmth, kindness, and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her legacy of compassion, creativity, and service endures in the hearts of those she leaves behind. May her memory be a comfort and blessing to her loved ones and all whose lives she so gracefully touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles (Buddy) Neal.

Irene is survived by her son, Donald Neal and wife Annetta of Wagoner, OK; grandchildren, Danielle Henshaw of Wagoner, OK, and Preston Neal of Pryor, OK; great-grandchildren, Vadin Neal of Stillwater, OK, and Tolbyn Neal of Durango, CO; and many other family members and friends.