



Irma Mae Bengtson Heiple

April 28, 1939 - June 2, 2026

Irma Mae Bengtson Heiple, born April 28, 1939, in Kalispell, MT, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in Grass Valley, CA. At age two, Irma and her family—parents Quentin and Lydia Bengtson and sister Helen—moved to Kirkland, WA. In 1961, she graduated from Whitworth University with a degree in education. She taught school in Albuquerque, NM; Kirkland, WA; Tripoli, Lebanon; Everett, WA; and Grass Valley, CA. Most recently, she served as head of the foreign language department at Nevada Union High School, where she taught both Spanish and English. Irma was much loved and respected by her students and colleagues throughout her career and kept in touch with many of them.

As a missionary in the Middle East and Mexico and as a pastor's wife throughout her marriage of 58 years, she shared God's love and her faith through acts of service and hospitality. Her church community, family, friends, and students benefited from her compassion, humor, and creativity. Irma was renowned for her love of shoes, entertaining comedy sketches, and pie-baking ability, as well as her extensive knowledge of song lyrics, literature, and history.

She is survived by her husband, Pastor Bruce Heiple of Grass Valley; their children, Tanya (Heiple) and Christian Roost of Everett, WA, and Tim and Kimberly Heiple of Holladay, UT; and two grandchildren, Jack and Grace Heiple. Through our tears of sorrow, we rejoice that Irma is safe in heaven in the presence of Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Twin Cities Church in memory of Irma Heiple (www.twincities.church) or The Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Upcoming Events

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

JUL **30**. 1:00 PM (PT)

TWIN CITIES CHURCH
11726 ROUGH & READY HWY
GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945