



## Irene Sailer

October 22, 2011

Sailer, Irene She loved sports and loved to travel. Personal relationships and family were most important. On October 22, 2011, Irene Sailer entered eternal life, leaving us all blessed to have known her. Irene was the second youngest of eleven children. Her father, Peter Bosch owned his own business in which she worked while in school. She learned the important values of honesty, integrity and courtesy. She also learned how to be customer oriented, a skill she would use in nursing, the military and in government positions. From her mother, Marean Vetter Bosch, she learned the art of nurturing and her values regarding higher education. In Irene's family she learned an important work ethic, "work first and then play." She attended Roscoe High School in Roscoe, South Dakota. From there she went on to pursue nursing at Presentation School of Nursing in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She graduated in 1951 and received a direct commission in the Air Force in January, 1953. Irene spent the next month in officer training and flight nurse training in Montgomery, Alabama. Her initial assignment was to the hospital at Bolling AFB. Later she was transferred to Rhein Main, Germany and flew aerovac-medical missions where she was involved in patient transportation from September, 1955 to 1957. Next, Irene was transferred to the United States Air Force Hospital at Travis Air Force Base, California until April, 1959. Her last duty station was at the hospital on Shilling Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas. Here she separated from the Air Force in September, 1962. Ms. Sailer was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award. After

leaving the Air Force, Irene pursued higher education while she was raising her children. She earned a bachelor's degree in Communicative Arts from Bellevue College in Bellevue, Nebraska. Later she earned a master's degree in Environmental Management and Urban Planning from the University of Texas at San Antonio. In her early civilian career, Irene was involved in ensuring that defense sited complied with Federal safety and environmental regulations. Her later work was the Corps of Engineers which involved facilitating the preparation of environmental policies and documentation with high-ranking officials. Ms. Sailer was involved in volunteer service in the Ignatian VOLunteer Corps from 1998 to 2008. She worked at both Food for the Poor in the Northern Virginia area and the St. Martin de Porres senior center. She was dedicated to this work. Irene is survived by a daughter, Joan Saltzmann and her husband Richard and three grandsons; Brandon, Daniel and Andrew as well as a son, John Sailer and his wife Kim. SURviving sisters include Patricia Parrish, Phillipina Wesen and Elaine Murray. Family and friends will gather Friday, October 28, 2011 at 12:30 PM until a 1:00 PM Memorial Service at The Village of Westland, Wellness Center at 32001 Cherry Hill Road (just west of Merriman) in Westland. Donations may be made in Irene's memory to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or log onto [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org) To leave a condolence message or share memories, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

# Tribute Wall



“ Irene Sailer

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your lose even though i did not know the deceased. Death is our common enemy and affects all of us. I therefore want to share a comforting thought with the family. Time is soon coming when God put death to an end, Isaiah 25:8 and 1Corithians 15:28. Then God by means of Jesus will call and the dead will answer, John 5:25. So we look forward to seeing our dead loved ones come back to life again. Please take comfort from the sure promise of God who does not lie.

Peggy - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ Joan, I am so glad I had the oportunity to meet your mom and go to the theater. I wish we had done more. She was a woman far above her time in work and education. I so enjoyed knowing her.

Deb Rowe - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ Joan: I only had the pleasure of meeting your mother a couple of times, but she seemed like the sweetest, nicest person in the world. You and your wonderful family are a testament to her quality and life. Be comforted with the fact that, although we suffer great loss by her absence, she is now with our Lord.

Dave Durocher - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PD

“ *What a full life your Mother had! Though we did not know her well and only met her a couple of times I know what a wonderful daughter she raised which of course is a tribute and reflection of her own goodness. We know of the importance she placed on her relationship with our Lord and Savior and of her faithfulness. She is home with Him now! Joan and family, you cared for her so diligently and you did a wonderful job. Praise God for people such as yourself and your Mother who reflect Gods goodness in the actions they take on earth even when it is oh so difficult! Love and prayers, The Durochers*

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**Pam and Dave Durocher** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

LT

“ *I was so sorry to hear about your mom. I had been thinking about her lately. Your mom had a terrific smile. I know she was loved greatly by my mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Linda Zahn Agnes and Wally's oldest*

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**Linda Zahn Terpstra** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DZ

“ *My deepest sympathies on the loss of your mom and my aunt. I remember Aunt Irene as always being full of life and loving to laugh. She will be missed but not be forgotten. I always appreciated her love for us and her ability to make us feel at ease. All my love Aunt Irene and may you rest in peace and in heaven tonight and forever. Your nephew, dave*

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**dave zahn** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

WS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Irene. At difficult times like these we found the bible to be of comfort at Pslms 34;18. May Jehovah bless your family.

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**Wes & Karen Shaw** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM