



## Katherine "Irene" Steiner

April 17, 1914 - April 17, 1914

Katherine "Irene" Steiner, 94, a resident of St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, passed away on January 15, 2009. She was born on April 17, 1914, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the first child of Leonard and Sophie Wilczek Johnson. She was always known as Irene by family and friends. On Christmas Day in 1940, she married John U. Steiner. Irene was the mother of five children, with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Irene always had a ready smile, with a gentle, thoughtful, tolerant, and generous nature; full of sweetness and kindness, tough as nails when called for, supportive of those she loved and admired. Irene had strong beliefs she lived by – she was a giver, not a taker; she believed if you don't have anything good to say about someone, don't say anything at all; honest, trustworthy, privately spiritual, and if she said she was going to do something, she did it. She led a very rewarding life. The love and care of her family was always her primary interest. Irene had many other loves: girl's vacations, fun socks, magazines, eating out, dark chocolate and bananas, hats, greeting cards, flowers, cows, and solitaire. She collected many things reminding her of times gone by, such as dolls, Blue Willow china, or things "just to put somewhere". She loved to go for a ride to Gillies for a junior hot fudge sundae or to Culvers for a hot dog with hot mustard and raw onions. Irene loved all those things and much more. To have known her was to love her. Her family and friends cherished her and honor Irene's life. She is survived by her five children: John W. (Carole) Steiner of Milwaukee, Kathi (Harold) Breit of Fond du Lac, Nancy (Robin) Bickle of Texas, Tom (Lisa)

Steiner of Alaska, Mary Floyd of California; five grandchildren: Laurie Breit Timm, Jeff Breit, Jason Steiner, Dean Steiner, and Robert Floyd; six great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Fred (Evadne) Steiner of Minneapolis. Irene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John U. Steiner on February 26, 2003; her stepfather, Raymond Mason; a brother, William "Bud"; and a grandson, Harry Floyd. Goodnight Irene There will be no visitation or funeral service. Burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Park on St. Anthony Boulevard in Minneapolis. Her family will gather in celebration of her life. Irene's family wishes to thank the caring people at St. Francis Home for their many kindnesses and prayers given to Irene and her family.

# Tribute Wall

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**Robert John Floyd "Harry in my Prayers"** - January 29, 2009 at 08:19 PM

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**Robert John Floyd "Harry in my Prayers" of Lake Delton, WI** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I never met your Mom but I know she raised a wonderful family and lived a good life.

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**Joseph Moran** - January 20, 2009 at 10:56 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Irene while she was a resident at Lakeview. Irene was the kindest person I have ever meet. Always was so appreciative of any help that was given and always with a smile and a Thank You. Irene took great pride in her loving family and many times we would sit down and look through photo albums. The smile this would bring was undescrivable! It was pure joy and made me thankful for my family and the life we live, because though we do not have much, we have each other and that is the most important thing in the world. Well, family and then chocolate a close second! Irene was a wonderful person who touched many lives. She will be missed. My condolences go to the family.

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**Kelly Jo Moore (Lund)** - January 20, 2009 at 03:10 PM

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“ I work in the Obituaries section of The Reporter. I don't usually ever do this, but when processing Irene's obituary for print, I just felt compelled to write and say that Irene sounds like she was a really, neat lady and I wish I could have met her! The obituary was very well written and makes me feel like I've known Irene all my life! My sympathies to her entire family; and when you gather for her life-remembrance service, please know that even through her death, she touched the life of a stranger in a most positive way. God bless you all.

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**April A. Showers** - January 17, 2009 at 11:56 AM