



## Irene Kraus

December 30, 1922 - May 3, 2012

Irene Kraus, age 89 of Maple River, died Thursday, May 3, 2012, at the Carroll Health Center Nursing Home in Carroll. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Johnson. Lector will be Dr. Steve Kraus. Gift Bearers will be Robyn Gilliland, Melanie Promes, Jenny Kraus, Michaela Neppel, Holly Buck, and Juliana Kraus-Schuster. Holly Buck will provide prelude flute music and mass music will be by organist Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Mass Servers will be Hannah Kraus and Grant Kraus. Communion Ministers will be Kathy Kraus and Ken Behrens. Casket Bearers will be Jake Kraus, Chris Kraus, Chris Neppel, Eric Gilliland, Nathan Gilliland, Matthew Promes, and Casey Buck. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Monday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Monday followed by a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Monday by Holy Spirit Parish. Visitation will resume at 9 A.M. Tuesday at Holy Spirit Church until the time of the funeral mass. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or church for the Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation. On line condolences may be left for Irene's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Irene Marie Kraus was born on December 30, 1922, at Templeton, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Feilmeier) Irlmeier. She spent her younger years in the Templeton community and attended Sacred Heart School. Irene

and Alfred Kraus were united in marriage on November 27, 1945, at Sacred Heart Church in Templeton. Irene and Al farmed for six years near Lidderdale and in 1951 moved to their family farm one mile north of Maple River where they farmed and raised their family. She was a member of Holy Spirit Parish and Ladies Guild and a long time member of St. Francis Parish at Maple River. Irene enjoyed baking pies, sewing, canning, gardening, playing cards, going to the casino, polka dancing, traveling, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

Irene is survived by her beloved husband, Alfred Kraus of Maple River; her children, Bev (Mark) Vereb of Scottsdale, Ariz., Tom (Chrissy) Kraus of LaCrosse, Wisc., Alan (Cindy) Kraus of Carroll, Dan Kraus of Maple River, and Karla (K.R.) Buck of Denison; nine grandchildren, Robyn (Eric) Gilliland, Melanie "Cubby" Promes, Jennifer Kraus, Jake Kraus, Juliana (Bryon) Kraus-Schuster, Chris (Jen) Kraus, Michaela (Chris) Neppel, Holly Buck, and Casey Buck; ten great grandchildren, Jessica, Chelsea, Nathan, Matthew, Kelsea, Keyton, Briana, Kylee, Abby, and Michael; her brother, Merlin (Anna Mae) Irlmeier of Templeton; and by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Dorothy Irlmeier of Santa Barbara, Calif., Toni Irlmeier of Carroll, Kathleen Irlmeier of Audubon, Louise Owens of Carroll, Merlin and Mary Lou Kraus of Anita, and Bob and Kathy Kraus of Carroll.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Molly Ann Kraus; seven brothers, Joe "Stoogie" Irlmeier, Alex Irlmeier, Leo Irlmeier, Leonard Irlmeier, Wilfred "Bud" Irlmeier, Clete Irlmeier, and Donald Irlmeier; and by three sisters, Ann Irlbeck, Dorothy Crowdes, and Jean Brosnahan.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Al and Family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of a very special lady. Great Aunt Irene always held a special place in my heart. I hope all your good memories will be your comfort and strength in the days ahead. Thinking of you and sending love and hugs. Diane*

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**Dale & Diane Rohe** - May 06, 2012 at 11:09 AM

PH

“ *Krause Family, so sorry to hear of Irene's passing. I know how hard it is as I have been there. Keep the good memories in your mind and your heart....seems that is what got me through. Again so sorry. Patt Heithoff*

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**Patt Heithoff Hultman** - May 05, 2012 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ *Al, Bev, Tom, Alan, Dan and Karla ... hugs and prayers to all of you. I have so many fond memories of Irene .. she put up with a lot of mischief from us Henrich kids ... well, some of us anyway ... I wouldn't be who I am today without having grown up with your family ... love you all and please be comforted knowing that she was welcomed at the gate by her dear friends, Demps and Rita ...*

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**Jane Henrich Walker** - May 04, 2012 at 11:22 AM

PF

“ *Al and families- You have our deepest sympathy. Remembering Irene, Peg and family*

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**Peg (Irlmeier) and Mike Foye** - May 03, 2012 at 08:02 PM