

## KORTHALS



Irene Marie Korthals  
Aug. 13, 1921 – July 15, 2007

Irene Marie (Lynn) Korthals passed away on July 15, 2007 at Odyssey Hospice, 8 days after a massive stroke. She was surrounded by her husband and children on Sunday morning when Jesus stepped forward from where he had been standing in their midst and placed his arms beneath her. Gently cradling her to his breast, he took his lovely bride to the heavenly home he had prepared for her.

She was born in Holdrege, NE on August 13, 1921 to Elmer Arvid Linner and Jenny Ann Linner nee Wolzen, and was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Harold, Marion, Eldon and sister Norma Jean.

She is survived by Richard (Dick,) her husband of almost 62 years, daughters Judy (Ted) Winkel of Ludington, MI, Sheryl Korthals of Colorado Springs, Patti (Bob) Furness of Bradford, NH, son David Korthals of Seattle, WA, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren plus a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Raised on a farm near Beaver City, NE during the dark days of the depression, she early on demonstrated the intelligence and grit that were to become her hallmark. Graduating from high school at 17, she taught in a country school for 2 years before journeying to St. Louis in 1940 to enter the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. Three years later her nurse's cap signified her RN status and qualified her to be commissioned on 2/8/44 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, serving as an Air Evacuation Nurse.

She and her companion nurses boarded a hospital ship in San Francisco in March 1945 and arrived at Clark Field, Luzon, PI 30 days later. On the 5th of May she courageously accepted a blind date with a Troop Carrier pilot whose 41st TCSq was hosting a party. By the time the evening ended her beauty and winsome charm had captured his heart and he was hopelessly in love. It was the beginning of a romance that resulted in an exchange of vows on August 15, 1945 as they stood on a dirt floor before the altar of a thatched roof chapel near Clark Field – and which endured to the very end. For all 62 years "Dick and Lynn" was synonymous with holding hands and romantic trysts.

She touched and influenced hundreds of lives with her twinkling blue eyes, warm smile, ready laughter and words of love and encouragement. Her charm was irresistible and immediately drew people to her who soon exclaimed, "What a sweet person." Endowed with natural creativity, she quickly transformed every house into a home. Her blessed ability to love without reservation molded the lives of her family and friends.

Meticulous and attentive to detail, she was a highly valued and loved volunteer at both Ronald McDonald House and Focus on the Family. Her highest desires were to embrace her family and friends, win at cards (she loved to play) and serve her Lord. Her goal was to live her life so that when others looked at her they would not say, "What a great woman she is" but rather "What a great God she has!" That she did! We who were gathered at her bedside on Sunday could almost hear her Savior Jesus Christ whisper, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" as he took her from us.

Services will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Constitution and Murray at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19th with burial at Ft Logan National Cemetery on Friday. The family requests that donations be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.



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# RECORD

## Irene M. (Wendt) Lust 1915-2007

Irene M. (Wendt) Lust, 91, of Fairborn, passed away Friday, June 22, 2007 in her residence. She was born July 31, 1915 in rural Ogdensburg, Wis., the daughter of the late Otto and Lillian (Burgner) Wendt.



Irene graduated from Oshkosh High School in Wisconsin in June 1934 and attended and graduated from South Chicago Community Hospital School of Nursing in August of 1940. She was a private duty nurse from September 1940 until November 1942 in the greater Chicago area. In November 1942 Irene enlisted in the Army Nurses Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. She attended flight nurse training and earned her flight wings in 1943. Irene served as a Air Evac flight nurse Army Air Corps in the European Theater Operations WW II from August 1943 until June 1945. In 1947 Irene transferred to the United States Air Force when the US Air Force was born. She served two tours of duty in Alaska, one at Fort Richardson Army Base in Fairbanks, Alaska late 1940s, and Elmendorf Air Force Base in the late 1950s. As a Captain, Major and finally as a Lt. Colonel USAF Irene served as a Nurse Recruiter in Minneapolis, Minnesota and at Wright-Patterson AFB. In 1961 while stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB Major Lust was promoted to Lt. Colonel.

She retired from the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in October 1964. Irene was extremely proud of her military career and as a Flight Nurse in the US Air Force. In

addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Leland C. Lust in 1973; two brothers, Lyle and his wife Lucille Wendt of Bear Creek, Wis., Arthur and his wife Ruby Wendt of New London, Wis.; a sister, Myra and her husband Kermit Poehlman of New London, Wis. Irene is survived by three step-sons, Carroll Roger Lust and wife Beverly of Iowa City, Iowa, Donald Dean Lust and wife Darlene of Chickaloon, Ark., Gary Lee Lust and wife Sharon of Iowa City, Iowa; nieces and nephews: Audry Wendt of Appleton, Wis., Caroldean and Gary Affeldt of New London, Wis., Sharon and Steve O'Connor of St. Cloud, Wis., Shelly and David Lehman of Bear Creek, Wis., Arlene and Donald Pelkey of Greenville, Wis., David Wendt of Nahua, N.H., Denis and Petsey Wendt of Green Bay, Wis.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday June 30, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, 422 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road, Fairborn, Chaplain Joe Sharp officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.