



Bertharae "Bert" Hohenstein Irie

October 28, 1924 - December 10, 2014

Bertharae "Bert" Hohenstein Irie, age 90, resident of Bell Trace in Bloomington, IN passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. Bert was born on October 28, 1924 in Clark County, OH; she was the daughter of Lewis Charles and Mary Ellen (Cartwell) Hohenstein.

Bert graduated from Selma High School and Springfield Business School. She was employed by the Springfield News and Sun Newspaper in their advertising department. Bert was a member of the PEO Sisterhood and the First United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

Bert married her WWII hero Robert Keith Irie in 1944. Together they moved from Indianapolis, Indiana to Springfield, Akron, Massillon, Lancaster, Ohio and Ashland, Kentucky before settling in Bloomington with the opening of the Sears store in 1965. They had five children, all whom graduated from Indiana University.

Bert and her husband Bob were able to travel all over the world for both business and pleasure.

As part of the core of people who built the Cook Group, they enjoyed benefits beyond their wildest dreams! Bert's greatest joy in life was loving and caring for her family. She dedicated enormous energy, time, talent, love and resources to her loved ones. Three years ago, after experiencing far too many funerals and goodbyes, she decided to gather her loved ones for a Christmas cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. In late October of 2014, the family gathered for her 90th birthday. They were happy that she was healthy enough to enjoy her day and reign supreme. She was quite a lady.... classic, fun, beautiful, graceful, energetic, interested, loving, elegant and above all awesome!!

Bert is survived by her four children Mary Lou Heinrichs (Douglas), Jean Nadell (Corey), Robin Fishel (Rusty) and Susan Irie; four grandsons Matthew Joseph Irie (Rebecca), Carey Davis Nadell, Samuel Hunter Nadell and Daniel Hunter Drozda; two great granddaughters Livia Ribbeck Nadell and Berit Josephine Irie; daughter-in-law Cindy Irie and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert Keith Irie, son Robert Joseph Irie, five brothers Clarence, Bud, Fred, Chet and Eb, and one sister Joy .

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Allen Funeral Home with Alan Phillips officiating. Entombment will take place at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today at Allen Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family

would appreciate donations to the IU Health Bloomington Hospice House.

Tribute Wall

GL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you four. Bert was a wonderful person.*

Glenn Collier - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

LI

“ *I have known Bert for about 33 years and worked with Bob for many of those years. I am so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. My condolences to her family. She was a wonderful lady.*

Linda Stines - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

CM

“ *Dear Robin (Rusty) and family, Jim and I want to send our sympathy in the loss of your beautiful mother. We are sorry we could not attend her services as Jim's Murphy Christmas was that day with family coming for out of town. We wanted to let you know that we have been thinking of you all and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was so kind, gracious and sweet every time we had the pleasure to see her. She will be missed by many!*

Jim and Cathy Murphy

Cathy Murphy - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear of Bert's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Deb Houglund - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

GE

“ Dear Jeannie, Mary Lou, Robin, and Susan, I send you my sadness at the news of your Mother's passing. Mrs. Irie was indeed an awesome lady who lived a wonderful life. Over the years, when I would occasionally encounter her out in the community, she was always happy and proud to tell me how all of you and her growing family were doing. I will think of you and Mr. Irie and Joe when I usher at church tomorrow.

Gene Brewer - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DC

“ Robin & Rusty,

We are so sorry about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

God Bless You.

Love,
Donnie & Marianne Chitwood

Don & Marianne Chitwood - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

HA

“ Dear Family of Bert Irie,
Please accept my great sympathy for the terrible loss of your wonderful Mother and Grandmother. I first met Bert here at Bell Trace several years ago when Bert was in a cottage and my husband and I were in a cottage also. Bert was so beautiful and so elegant and, yet, so friendly and easy to talk to. She had a great sense of humor and seemed to down play her own physical issues. She loved her family first and foremost. I am very lucky to have known Bert and am so sorry that she is gone. I know that you have wonderful memories, as I do, and hope these will sustain of in this time of sorrow.
Harriet Pfister

Harriet Pfister - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MI

“ Robin, Rusty and Family, So sorry for the loss of your mother. Our sincere condolences to you all. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Mike, Randy, and the Allen Family

michael allen - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

KE

“ Robin,

Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She sounded like quite a lady and I know was very dear to you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for peace and comfort as you celebrate your Mother's life.

God Bless,

Andy, Kelli, Hogan and Adler

Kelli Conder - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TP

“ Robin & family,

At this time of sorrow, may these truths sustain you...

Your loved one will always be as close as a memory,

and the God of all comfort will always be as close as a prayer. We are so sorry for your loss, may she rest in peace

Tara Woods & Duane Hardwick

Tara WOODS Pierson - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

AN

“ Sorry for your loss.

Anita Nethery - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

KW

“ Sincere condolences to her family and friends. May your hearts remain full of her love and sweet memories.

Karen and Jon (Pruet) Wogenstahl - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MD

“ *My Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time. I am praying for peace. Robin has been really good to me in my time of need and I want her to know I am there for her too.*

Marci Dronkers - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM