



Ingrid Miriam Remak

May 26, 2013

Ingrid Remak passed away in her home on Sunday, May 26. In May 1939, just months before the beginning of World War II, Ingrid and her family arrived in New York from her native Germany.

She quickly embraced her new life in America, met and married fellow Jewish refugee IU Professor Henry Remak (1916-2009) in San Francisco in 1946, and shortly thereafter first stepped foot in her beloved Bloomington. Mother of four, grandmother of seven, and great-grandmother of four, Ingrid enveloped them all in her quiet devotion and abiding love. Her contributions to our community included teaching German to University Elementary School students, instructing English as a second language to adults, and accounting at Planned Parenthood. In 1963, she began a stint of 50 years of volunteer service at Bloomington Hospital, and could often be found at the local tennis courts, playing the game she loved.

Ingrid's family wishes to express their deepest gratitude and affection to the neighbors and friends she treasured, as well as to the physicians, nurses, and hospice staff who provided her excellent care and genuine kindness. Know that you each had a unique and special place in her heart and in her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the Bloomington Hospital Foundation (Volunteer Services), to the Bloomington Boys and Girls Club, or to a charity of your choice. A celebration of Ingrid's life will be scheduled at a later date.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *My family knew Ingrid many years ago when we lived in Bloomington. She was a remarkable wonderful lady. We played tennis for many years and my sons Scott and John knew her through tennis also Over the years we have talked several times. I will never forget her. She contributed so much to so many. My condolences and love to her family. Priscilla Milliman*

Priscilla Milliman - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

EU

“ *Dear Remak family,*

Please accept my condolences on the passing of your wonderful Ingrid. I was in Henry's year-long NEH seminar in Bloomington in 1978-79, and after our first meeting, all subsequent meetings were held in their home, with Ingrid often making goodies for us. We were also invited to their place in the country for a couple of sessions. Both Henry and Ingrid were so generous and kind with us, with Ingrid as the "Familienmutter" (family mother) of our seminar (on Romanticism and its Cultural Impact). They both also came to visit us in Western NY (and stayed overnight and took a long walk with us) several years after the seminar. Both Henry and Ingrid have a very special place in my and my wife's (Elsje van Munster) heart. I also enjoyed meeting Ron and Heidi in Bloomington. I admired Ingrid's combination of generosity, practicality, and dry wit--and her way of handling the remarkable Henry Remak. I see them clearly and fondly in my mind's eye. A remarkable pair and a great loss.

With warm regards,

Gene Stelzig

Eugene Stelzig - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JU

“ For nearly 50 years, Ingrid was one of the most important people in my life. I could write a book about my memories. Utterly selfless, always positive and giving, she was an amazing person, and I loved her dearly. As her birthday approaches, you, her family, know that you were the lights of her life. She took enormous pride in each of you. Your loss is great, but Ingrid lives on as we continue to love her and honor her memory.

Judy Schroeder - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DA

“ On behalf of my colleagues in Comparative Literature both here in Bloomington and around the world, I'd like to thank Ingrid Remak for all the warmth and genuine friendship she offered us all over the years. Ingrid and Henry Remak were a magnificent couple. Any comparatist scholar who was lucky enough to share the company of the Remaks in their hospitable home will never forget her. I send my deepest condolences and also would like to say that it was a truly great pleasure to know Ingrid, a person who clearly led such a well-lived life.

David Hertz - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

SH

“ I've been away, so I just got word but I would like to send my very best to the family.

I remember that my folks, Hank and Jane Hofstetter used to hide Christmas gifts for my sister and me at your folk's house because we wouldn't be able to get into them ahead of time. I also remember that your mom often made goodies to hand out for Halloween--what a treat!

Susan Hofstetter Mohme - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

AH

“ My thoughts and condolences are with all the Remak family in the loss of your Mother/Grandmother. My parents were very fond of both Ingrid and Henry, whom we all met in 1952 when we came to Bloomington. Living just around the corner on Hawthorne, I would often see Mrs. Remak on my way home from school, and she always had a gentle greeting for this young girl.
Ann Delaney

Ann Hofstetter Delaney - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

LA

“ I worked with Ingrid for many years at Planned Parenthood. She is truly one of the nicest people I have ever known, a real inspiration due to her kindness. She always talked with great love of her children. I know she will be missed by all her friends and family

laura ley - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

SO

“ To the Remaks,
Mrs. Remak had a great presence around the community. I always enjoyed seeing her and having a little chat...mostly catching up about Heidi. She always had a smile on her face and something fun to say. I'm so glad that I got to see her sometime last Fall at the Farmer's Market with Heidi. I know that she will be missed by many!

Scott Owens - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RS

“ Dear Remak family:

We loved Ingrid and Henry these many years. They defined a central part of what IU and Bloomington have meant to us and their passing is very much the end of an era. Ingrid was such a lovely, modest, energetic and intelligent person. She was so vital and caring: at the Hospital, on the tennis courts, at her home, everywhere. We will miss her, as we still miss Henry.

Our condolences to all the splendid Remak family.

Dick and Susie Stryker

Richard and Susan Stryker - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

WI

“ Dear members of the Remak family,

I send you my condolences at the loss of Ingrid Remak. I admired her quiet intelligence and devotion and kindness. I think that the last time we spoke at length was when I came by the house to visit Henry, then retired and in poor health. It was wonderful to remember her on the tennis courts, and before that, on skis in Bryan Park with Henry.

William Hansen

Professor Emeritus of Classical Studies & Folklore, IUB

William Hansen - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

KA

“ *Ingrid was a joy, and we were very lucky to have her as a neighbor and dear friend for so many years. Ingrid and Henry were both such special people.*

Kathy Essex, and Paul, Tom, and Carl Smith

Kathy Essex - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

NB

“ *Having lost our mother's in the last year, We know what a tough time this is for the Remak family. We send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers and hope you can find some comfort in this difficult time. It certainly appears she has left a beautiful legacy behind that will live for years to come. Cherish the stories and memories and know that she is now in the hands of God.*

Nancy and John Banks - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

NA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Remak family. Ingrid was an amazing woman especially when caring for her husband after he became ill.*

Ingrid had a special relationship with our son, Kenny Wagner. Kenny was a "Sammy" historian and bonded with the Remak's in 2006. Kenny and Ingrid remained friends and spoke often and visited since that time. Kenny spoke to her by phone recently.

Nancy Wagner - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JB

“ *I would like to express my condolences to the Remak family. I always enjoyed my conversations with Ingrid and appreciated the support she offered to IU's Institute for Advanced Study.*

John Bodnar - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

LI

“ Dear Ron and family,

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. How fortunate though to have such a lovely person for a mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you today.

*Blessings,
Linda*

Linda Sievers - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RP

“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Mrs. Remak. Both Henry and Ingrid will be so fondly remembered by the many people whose lives they touched.

Roger and Pat Havranek

Roger and Pat Havranek - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

PI

“ Dearest Remak family,

We want you all to know that we are thinking of you. Mrs. Remak was such a wonderful lady and we were so lucky to know her. You all are in our hearts.

*Love,
Pila, Mark, Kenny & Tommy Gunderson*

Pilar Gunderson - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

SU

“ *Ingrid was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. I enjoyed being her partner at the hospital information desk. I am so very sorry of your loss.*

Sue Ginter - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

TM

“ *David and I just want to let you know that we are thinking about you all. I truly loved Ingrid. I looked forward to picking her up in the shuttle on Tuesdays and Thursdays for her to volunteer at the hospital. I enjoyed our visits together. I will never forget her smile. She loved her family so much. She would bring new pictures often for me to see. She was proud of all of you. My life is better because of knowing her. Hold onto your precious memories. Sincerely, David and Tammy McMillan*

Tammy McMillan - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JF

“ *I first met Ingrid when we both worked at Planned Parenthood. From there, our friendship continued over the years. Ingrid was a lovely, intelligent woman, funny and helpful, and a bundle of energy. I loved watching her play tennis.*

My condolences to the family. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers over the days and weeks ahead.

Jill Williams (formerly La Fon) - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

AD

“ *Thinking of you and your family. Prayers of comfort being sent.*

Adam, Audra, Coleman, and Winnie

Adam Sater - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM