

Lois Elmina Irving Krause

April 5, 1920 ~ August 12, 2020

Lois Elmina Irving Krause passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at her home in Salt Lake City. She was 100 years old, among the last of "the Greatest Generation." Born April 5, 1920, in Granger, Utah, to Duncan Lafayette and Zina Lenora McRae Irving. Lois was the youngest of six children.

Attended Plymouth Junior High School and Granite High School. Lois skipped second grade and was even valedictorian at Plymouth! She maintained life-long friendships with her Granger childhood friends.

During high school, Lois obtained the nickname "Tillie" based on the newspaper comic strip Tillie the Toiler. Once when the Irving family was working in its front yard, Lois was lifting a big boulder and her brother Bill called her “Tillie the Toiler." The name stuck!

Married Theodore Ervin Krause in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 24, 1940. Later divorced. They had one daughter, Teddie Krause.

In her youth Lois loved playing center field on several young women’s softball teams including the Queen Bees. During her lifetime she also enjoyed roller-skating, bowling, golf, crossword puzzles, L.L. Bean catalogs and trips to Wendover. Employed for more than 30 years as legal secretary to Louis H. Callister, Sr. She was a member of Salt Lake Legal Secretaries and an officer of the Legal Secretaries Association. Later Lois worked as the one-and-only support staff at Utah Association of Counties where she enjoyed her friendships with many county commissioners.

It was said there was no better secretarial help available than Lois and her sister "Jonnie," and no women better dressed. They were always attired in the very finest business fashions and pioneered the wearing of pantsuits on the Salt Lake City business scene!

Thank you to Good Shepherd Home Care and Hospice and to CNA Emily Hartman and special CNA Keiry Martinez for their care of Lois during her final days.

Survived by daughter Teddie Krause; nephews Ned (Shauna) Bevan, Gordon Irving, Tom (Judy) Irving; special grandnieces Sharol (Dan) Florence, Amanda (Spencer) Phillips, Katie (David) Beifuss, Stephanie Bevan, and grandnephew Patrick (Emanda) Bevan; grandnieces Jessica (Rick) Marschall, Beverly (John) Jacobs, Jean (Mike) Lee, Amelia (Christopher) Johnson, Nicole Irving, Georgia Irving, and grandnephew Oliver Irving.

Preceded in death by brothers Ivor (Ruby) Irving, Wayne (Betty) Irving, Wilbur "Bill" Irving; sisters Anna (Bub) Bevan, Eloise "Jonnie" (Herb) Zimmerman; nephews Dick Bevan and John Irving.

For those who feel comfortable in attending, a visitation is at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, on Friday, August 21, 2020, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Followed by a brief memorial service at noon in the mortuary. Masks and social distancing required at both. Interment at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 E 4580 S, Millcreek.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Lois's name to Alzheimer's Association Utah Chapter, alz.org, or Ironwood Pig Sanctuary, ironwoodpigs@yahoo.com. (Yes, she liked pigs!)