



## Irene L. Schwartz

December 6, 1921 - March 8, 2010

Irene L. Schwartz, 88, of Fort Collins, died March 8, 2010 at Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab. Facility, where she resided. Mrs. Schwartz was born December 6, 1921 in Wellington, Colorado to Pete and Marie Schlegel. Irene married Clinton Edwin Schwartz on May 14, 1950 in Fort Collins at St. John's Lutheran Church. Clinton passed away June 21, 1987. Mrs. Schwartz was a lifelong resident of the Fort Collins area and graduated from Wellington High School. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. She loved to cook, crochet, garden and tend to her many flowers and plants. Irene worked various jobs prior to her marriage. During WWII, Irene was proud to be the only female overhead crane operator for Kaiser Industries Munitions Plant in Denver, Colorado. She also drove a taxi cab in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. While raising her family, she did in-home daycare. Irene and Clinton owned and operated the Wagon Wheel Trading Post on Vine Drive for many years, which included the sale of their home-grown produce. Survivors include her son, Dan and wife, Carla Schwartz of Fort Collins; daughters, Judy and husband, Guy Engell, Janet and husband, Dr. Donald Wells all of Fort Collins; sisters, Emma Beidleman of Laramie, Wyoming and Eva Schlegel of Fort Collins; four grandchildren, Jeffrey and Janell Engell, Kyle Schwartz, Brandon and wife, Andie Schwartz and one great-grandchild, Caleb. Irene is survived by many nieces and nephews. Also, Roxann Engell whom she loved like a daughter. Preceding Irene in death are her husband; brothers, Leonard Schlegel, and Herold Schlegel; sisters, Caroline Walker and Mary Jo

Schwartz. The family would like to offer a special thanks to the staff at Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab. and Dr Jerome Smith for their dedication and care. A Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Private Family Interment will be held at Roselawn Cemetery. Rev. Brian Bestian and Rev. Ron Nickel will officiate. Those who desire, may view Mrs. Schwartz 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family and view the full obituary at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ DEAR JANET SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOM, AND MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND DAN AND JUDY. CHERYL Brunmeier miller

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**cheryl** - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**cheryl** - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Dear Janet, I read about your Mom's passing and wanted to pass on a hug. My mother passed two years ago & I think of her every day. Wonderful memories are a blessing. I wanted to share with you that I still remember your mom being so kind to me, when I was hiding in your play house on Garfeild Street, it was cold and almost dark, she told me I had to go home I was running away from home, but she did it in that stern ,,but very kind way. I just wanted share that memory with you. We have been attending St. Johns and I love being back in our home church. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Eunice Michalka

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**Eunice Iverson Michalka** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ JANET, DON, JUDY AND ALL THE FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR SADNESS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYS ARE WITH YOU. JANET ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU WERE A WONDERFUL CARING DAUGHTER. YOUR MOTHER ALWAYS CAME FIRST WHEN SHE NEEDED YOU. JACK AND CLARA

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**JACK AND CLARA GIULIANO** - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Judy and Family So sorry to read about your mothers passing. Mommies are such special ladies, I miss mine every day. Some how we find god and strength to move on and be good mommies our self. God Bless to you and all of your family. Love Aunt Paulette and Uncle Dan*

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**Paulette Hagans** - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Who let me raid penny candy from the Wagon Wheel candy case? Who taught me to make change? Who let me bury my turtles by the ditch when I was 5? Who taught me to get African Violets to bloom? Who taught me how to grow the best tomatoes ever? Who told me to never stick a dirty cigarette in my mouth? Who taught me how to make graeble? Who told me that the feeling of missing my mom would never go away? Who laughed the hardest when I made a dust cloud by spinning my wheels in the dirt driveway? Who told me every year what date to start planting outside and did it better than any weather man? this years date: May 8 Who loved watching 11 week old Gus grow up as much as me? That would be my wonderful Aunt Irene. May you rest in peace. You gave me great memories. I will miss you. Love, your niece, Patty.*

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**Patty Schwindt** - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM