



## Dorothy Alice Sumnick

November 15, 1915 - July 22, 2007

Dorothy Alice Sumnick was born November 15, 1915, to William and Francis (Fannie) Kammerer in Leshara, Nebraska at the home of her grandparents. She was the third child of six. Her childhood was spent on the farm of her parents where she enjoyed a family of many brothers, sisters and cousins. She loved to help her mother with the cooking and a huge garden. .

Dorothy loved to swim and did so frequently in gravel pits found around the area. She even saved her younger sister Louise from drowning in one of the gravel pits. Dorothy graduated from Leshara High School in 1933, and lived with her parents while working as caretaker for the 3 Haessler children George, Marylou and John until she met Frances (Bud) Sumnick at a town hall dance in Leshara.

Bud and Dorothy were married on April 5, 1943, in Columbus, Nebraska. Bud served in the Army from 1942 until 1943 when he was honorably discharged. And upon his return he and Dorothy started their lives together on a farm that belonged to Bud's Grandmother Kennaway, in Waterloo, Nebraska.

In January of 1944 their daughter Mary was born. In the spring of 1944 the Elkhorn River flooded and Dorothy and Mary were rescued from the second story of the house by people in a row boat. They were taken to Elkhorn, Nebraska where cousins picked them up and took them to their home in

Omaha. With a lot of work and determination the house was made livable again, and many happy years were spent. In 1962 Bud and Dorothy built a new home which they enjoyed until they moved to Wyoming to live with Mary in 1999.

Bud and Dorothy made many trips to Wyoming to see family and friends. If not for Bud and Dorothy the Irvine kids, Duncan, Jason, and Amanda would not have seen the many sites of Wyoming. Dorothy will always be remembered for her quick wit and great sense of humor. She was a great mother and an extremely loving grandmother.

Dorothy was an extraordinary woman whom family was always the most important. She always made birthdays and holidays special for all her loved ones. Dorothy was active in the Presbyterian Church. She served as Sunday school teacher and worked tirelessly for the Lady's Aid Society of the church. She also was very active in the Waterloo Women's Club and often helped with projects for the Waterloo Public Library.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Mary Frances Irvine, grandchildren Duncan & Brady Irvine, Jason & Jane Irvine, Amanda & Neal Sorenson. Six great grandchildren Shaya, Curran, Chase and Logen Irvine and Cole and Chance Sorenson. Her sisters, Hazel Cords of Fremont, Nebraska, Louise Roberts of Wahoo, Nebraska, and brother Donald (Fritz) Kammerer of Donna, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents William and Fannie Kammerer, Her husband Francis Sumnick, brothers Marcellus (Boliver) Kammerer, Stanley and Eloise Kammerer, Her son-in-law Glen A Irvine of Wheatland, Wyoming.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Alice Sumnick

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ We say "good-bye" to another of Waterloo's gracious ladies. What a delight it used to be when we both lived in Waterloo to run in to Dorothy at the Post Office, a local event, even while shopping. She was always well-dressed with a smile on her face and a big "hello", instantly making me feel so good inside. She will be missed.

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**Ann Wachsmann** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary,  
A lot of years have past but I still have fond memories of my years in Waterloo. Your parents and you are certainly a part of those memories. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Dixie

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**Dixie Duncan Voss** - October 09, 2009 at 08:59 AM