

Sauter Family Stories
Generation 2
Eberhart and Mathilda's 10 Children
Memories from their Grandchildren

Louise (1914)

Always very nice to me particularly as I got older. I do remember one time when I came down to play with Fritzi and Roberta, she told me to go home because boys shouldn't be playing with girls. I wasn't sure what she meant but I stayed clear of their place for a good while. *Vern*

I admired Louise as a hard worker at Riskedahl's store and committed to projects at English Lutheran Church, where she did a lot of cleaning work. I thought of her as quiet and shy, but very committed to her family, and to the kids born to her siblings. She had objections to a lot of things about Grandpa Sauter and was occasionally quite vocal about it. *Burt*

I have to sort of put Louise together with Ruby as they were the pair who was always willing to help in any way they could, and they both loved kids! They made quilt-like Christmas stockings for my own kids, which are treasured. *Pat*

Lots of words come to mind when I think of Louise: kind, efficient, interested in us, helpful wherever she could be helpful, everything she did she did thoroughly and well. She often stopped in to visit with Mom when she had been at Eddy and John's to clean house after Mabel died. Mom remembered a red coat Louise sent to her during the years Louise worked as a nanny in Chicago when Mom was in school. Just sitting here thinking about Louise makes me realize was a quiet, good, steady presence she was in our lives. I can almost not say "Louise" without saying "Ruby and Louise". I have a patch work quilt that Louise made. It had several pieces of cloth that are scraps from things I sewed. *Linda*

I certainly remember her for the short time I worked at the store and how nice Louise, Erna, and Ruby were to store customers and employees. I also remember getting Christmas gifts from Louise and Ruby (they had lots of nieces and nephews), but it seems we always got something from them. I got some luggage for my high school graduation from them. *Alan*

Louise (and Ruby) – Always a pair to me, it seemed. Wonderful, caring aunts.
Barb S

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I didn't have the opportunity to get to know Louise as I did some of John's other aunts. She was very special to John, and he talked about her and Ruby doing a great deal for him and Ed after Mabel died. She and Ruby made the baby quilt using squares Mabel had prepared and kept it until John would have a child. If one of our children had been a girl, her name would have been Emily Louise. *Judy*

Louise (and Ruby) - Since they both worked in our store I probably saw them more than most of the siblings, and Ruby always cut my hair, plus we went down to Grandma's a lot, where I can just picture their home almost perfectly..... There was a closet at the end of the hall between their bedrooms, and we kids would go there immediately because there were toys and books for us to play with. The basement floor was concrete painted gray, and it was so perfect and shiny that you would almost slip on it if you moved too fast! There was a rocking chair down there that scared me! It had some carving on the back that looked like a gargoyle or probably a monster in my mind, but it's very memorable! When they had all passed away, I was grateful to receive that chair which Bill and I placed in our Victorian farmhouse in New Hampshire. It didn't seem so frightening anymore! The hammock between two trees in their backyard was also popular with all of us and I'm sure we had disagreements about who would use it first. Another memory of their yard was one time when Cousin Sandra was visiting.....She was a year older than Patty, Mary, Linda, and I, and as she was from Bismarck (the big city) and much more sophisticated than we four! Well, that also meant that one Easter she showed up with nylons on..... while we younger gals still wore white anklets and Mary Janes..... So, at some point when we were all told to "go play outside" we managed to start taking turns jumping over a small bush by the back door or off the steps and over the bush..... It was rather prickly, and Sandra managed during one jump to snag her new nylons and they shredded pretty well!! She felt bad, but I tend to think that we four were filled with glee at this sight! And for some crazy kid reason we labeled that bush the "poop tree." *Laura*

When I was about 7 years old, Louise started giving me a yearlong subscription to Archie comic books. I got one once a month until I was 13 or 14. I really looked forward to getting them and would go down to the post office on the day they usually arrived. *Jim*

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Louise was very quiet, very poised, beautifully dressed, a perfectionist. Louise, Ruby and I went on several trips, e.g., Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, Carlsbad Caverns. She did talk about the time she worked in Chicago taking care of a family's children, their way of living, etc. She always seemed to be in control of things. *Liz*