

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

Mae (1927)

Some of you may recall that some words that I wrote about her were used in her obituary. They pretty well captured the way I felt about her. "Aunt Mae was a role model for all of us. She faced more adversity in her life than any one person should have to bear, but I don't think I was ever in her presence when she was not enjoying that moment and being broadly affirming of all present. She seemed to have such a desire to make the most of every minute. That may be what comes out of adversity. What a wonderful role model. As cousins, we have been blessed with such a strong heritage being passed down to us. What comes to mind is the value of education in our lives along with hard work. I remember times seeing my mom and dad and aunts and uncles reaching out to others in the community who were in need. We were taught the value of grounding ourselves in a strong church community and in participating in our local and global communities. And, probably most importantly, we were encouraged to enjoy every moment of life. Aunt Mae stood at the front of this example. What a blessing." *Vern*

I have fond memories of family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving, at Mae and Harold's house. In high school I had good experiences working with Harold at haying and harvesting time and being around their family. Mae had the best sense of humor of all the aunts and uncles. She was the joke teller, with a steel trap memory of funny stories and all kinds of humor. It feels like as the youngest kid...she may have felt the most free to break with some traditions or family expectations. *Burt*

When thinking of Mae, the biggest thing that comes to mind was her humor and how easily she could laugh. And her laugh was infectious! *Pat*

Mae in a real way was about enjoying life. She laughed, she loved to dance, she could tell a good joke, she was a contributing, fun part of town, church, school. She got together with friends to play cards, share life, laugh when she was a single person. Entwined in her years is incredibly deep sorrow, unthinkable loss. And yet she lived well, she didn't drag others down with her grief even though it was clear every part of her felt that. She continued to enjoy being with people, with

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us, with friends from Wing days. Mae crocheted and crocheted and crocheted. One of her potholders is right beside me with a cup of coffee now. *Linda*

Another of the 6 great Sauter aunts I was blessed to have. I remember going to their place for Thanksgiving and hoping to get a corner piece of the chocolate cake because it had extra frosting. She also had a loud laugh, but I loved it. She was the last of the Sauters to die and I knew a large part of my life had ended. I kind of remember when dad put in their sewer line as I could help out. *Alan*

Her jokes, always had a new one for everyone. *Barb S*

Always a smile. *Anne*

The first Sauter family event I attended was Mae and Pat's wedding. I have no idea which relatives were there and who I may have met. When I think of Mae, I think of laughter and an ever-present twinkle in her eyes. She seemed to have a joy for life and enjoyed everything she did. She attended Adam and Ryan's school and church programs and loved being around the boys. *Judy*

Auntie Mae was my Godmother, so we always had that connection, and she never failed to give me birthday gifts and cards signed with "Your Godmother." She was the best chocolate cake baker in the world, and since I'm a confirmed chocoholic I was soooo happy when she created one of those! It was always fun to go to their farm. Uncle Harold was very fun-loving too. Linda and I got very ambitious one summer day and biked to the farm..... Linda will remember how many miles it was, but needless to say Uncle Harold put our bikes in his truck after we'd stayed awhile (and hopefully got chocolate cake!) and we got a ride home! *Laura*

When Mae lived in Arizona, Judy and I visited her often at her senior residence. We talked about many things, including Tuttle as she knew it at a younger age, the Sauter family and the Glanville family. She loved reminiscing. We had great conversations. *Jim*

Mae and I were both left-handed. Where can I begin? She was funny, fantastic cook, entertainer, loved people, gatherings, visiting with many, many friends,

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caring, love of family and friends. She loved to tell jokes. I loved her laughter, her positive attitude in life. *Liz*

All my aunts were so gifted, sewing, cooking baking, quilting, making afghans, blankets, etc., etc. Heirlooms to keep forever for us. *Liz*