

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

Ruby (1922)

Aunt Ruby was always very kind and friendly to me. I recall the first time Martie came to Tuttle I took her by to meet Grandma Sauter and the two aunts. It was on a Saturday morning and Aunt Ruby insisted that we sit down and have breakfast with them. So, she fixed pancakes and bacon and it was an opportunity to have a very nice visit and to get know this girl from Texas that I was going to marry. *Vern*

As a result of my growing up in the store, where Ruby was a full-time employee all of my growing-up years, she was the aunt I probably felt closest too. Her demeanor, her friendly personality, all contributed to my looking up to her. She was also a generous person, who I knew cared about me. She was never critical when I would do things wrong or make mistakes while working side by side in the store. *Burt*

See Louise! *Pat*

I could almost duplicate for Ruby what I've written about Louise. Ruby was an accepting presence in our lives. She was good, she cared. Ruby and Louise took care of Grandma, they raised wonderful flowers, they had a house clean beyond clean, they had a hammock in their yard. Ruby often brought lime salad with shrimp and green olives to family gatherings. Ruby cut my hair and now and then gave me a perm for my entire growing up years. Ruby came to TX with Mom and Dad once when I lived there. We had a good time; we drove to Mexico for a day. Ruby was simply good, good, good. I think she had a sadness about her as well. *Linda*

Pretty much the same as for Louise. Very kind, loving family member. I also remember Ruby and Louise taking care of the Tuttle cemetery, and their house and lawn were always so nicely kept up. I did get a few old coins from Ruby when she passed. I also always remembered that she was a high school classmate of Dad's. *Alan*

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

Barb S

I remember Ruby as quieter than some of her sisters, and always seemed to have a calmness about her. A Twins fan. The baby quilt she and Louise finished from Mabel's quilt squares was a special gift for our family. Sadly, neither Ruby or Louise got to meet John's children or give him that quilt. John's other aunts gave it to him on Christmas Day 1991 at Burt and Margo's house. They told us how they had begged Ruby to "give John the quilt!" To which she replied, "No, I'm going to wait until the baby is born. I'm going to see that baby!" Sadly, she did not as she died 19 days before Adam was born. The quilt was a wall hanging in Adam's room, then Ryan's room. We re-decorated Ryan's room when he was a little older and took the quilt down. Adam asked if he could hang it back in his room, and it stayed there until he was well into elementary school. *Judy*

Ruby (and Louise) - 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'd 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!!

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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*

Ruby was one of the friendliest persons I ever knew. Always a smile and a good word. She got along with everyone. *Jim*

She was “like a sister” to me. We went on a Greyhound bus tour in 1955 to the eastern states – New York City, Niagara Falls, DC., etc, and other trips with Louise. I drove, they were my “navigators”. We had many wonderful conversations, feelings shared, etc. I felt we were very close. She was quiet, meticulous in all she did, had wonderful friends and love of family. *Liz*