

IRMA IRENE WOOD HELLBUSCH

Sep 23, 1940 - May 18, 2011



Irma Irene Wood Hellbusch, 70, passed away May 18, 2011, in Westminster, Colo.

She was born in Liberty, on Sept. 23, 1940, to Ira "Ike" and Dorothy Wymore. She grew up in Beatrice, and attended college in McPherson, Kan. She taught advanced placement English and drama and also directed many plays in Marion, Kan., and then at Brighton High School.

Irma served her country, working for the American Red Cross during the Vietnam War. She then joined Frontier Airlines, where she became the Director of Marketing, and with Brighton DECA, started the first airline training program. She joined New York Life for a short time before her love of the sky and travel led her to United Airlines. She was an integral part of the United Airlines move to DIA, the launch of the 777, and the design of the new flight attendant service center in Chicago. She retired in 2005 to spend more time with family and live life to the fullest.

She has a deep faith and has enjoyed being active in church, Bible studies and serving the Lord throughout her life. Locally, she has been a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, and most recently, the Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she served as a ruling elder. Her love of adventure has taken her across the world on special trips with her family; creating memories to last lifetimes. Her greatest joy in life has been being a mother and experiencing the wonder of being a grandma. She loves deeply and has been blessed beyond measure to share her life with two extraordinary men.

Irma is survived in death by her husband, Ron Hellbusch; and her children, Tara McCall (Robert) and Dirk Wood (Tennille); Ron's children, Jay Hellbusch (Katie) and Mark Hellbusch; her grandchildren, Ava McCall, Ryan McCall, Sheridan Hellbusch, Weston Hellbusch, Jade Hellbusch, Brittany Thyfault and Karlie Hellbusch; 12 nieces and nephews, many great-nieces and nephews, Aspen - a loving and faithful canine companion, and a very large circle of extended family and friends also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Wood, in 1988 ; her parents, Ira and Dorothy Wymore; her sister, Kathie Warren; brother, Don Wymore and Kylee Hellbusch.

Her memorial service will be Tuesday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3990 W. 74th Avenue, Westminster, Colo. Visitation Monday, May 23, at 5-8 p.m., at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton. All are welcome to attend the memorial service and the reception following to celebrate Irma's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to: The Irma Hellbusch Breast Cancer Memorial Fund, c/o Westminster Federal Credit Union, 9053 Harlan St., Suite 10, Westminster, CO 80031. Monies raised will be used to further fund breast cancer research and to provide assistance to families fighting this disease. Tabor-Rice Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. www.taborfuneralhome.com.