

LINDA IRENE HUESER PROFILE

Hello L.I.N.D.A. Sisters! You know me as an Iowan, but I started life in northern Illinois; born in Highland Park to Jimmie and Bernita Woolley. We lived in Deerfield until my seventeenth summer when Dad was transferred to Springfield, Illinois. Life in Deerfield was typical for the 1950's. My brother Gary and I attended public school, went to church every Sunday, played sports, participated in scouting and had a great group of fellow Boomers in the neighborhood. We built forts, roller skated, rode bikes everywhere, played tag, hide and seek, and many games of our own design.

I am a graduate of Springfield High School, and Iowa State University where I met David, and we were married in Springfield after graduation when I became a full-fledged Iowan moving to Urbandale. We have two sons and five grandchildren; all live within 15 miles and we try to attend as many of the grands' music and sports events as possible. My grandparents were all in Ohio, so I didn't see them often. It is great to be able to watch our grandchildren grow and develop into individuals



Front: L-R: Jaymes (12), Emily (9), Veda (4), Harrison (10), Hudson (12)
Back L-R: Nicole, Jesse, Linda, David, Myessa, Eric

We lived in Urbandale and Des Moines for 15 years and then moved to an acreage outside Granger, Iowa where we've been since. My work career consisted of retail in the early years, moving into retail accounting, print and mail/insurance accounting and retired from the mortgage industry.

Mom and Dad wanted my name to compliment the middle name of Irene (same as my mom) and settled on Linda. After the advent of L.I.N.D.A., I thanked them many times! In 1988 I happened

on an article in the Des Moines Register announcing a convention for Lindas planned for West Des Moines. It sounded like just the thing to get out of the house and away from our preschool kiddos for a few hours. I wasn't able to attend all the activities but made it to the Saturday banquet and that was the beginning of our beautiful relationship. Since then, I've missed a few conventions but believe I've been to every one since 2003. It does my heart good to know we've helped so many worthy causes with our charity while having a fabulous weekend of fun, food and frivolity! When asked about our conventions, I always say it is like a weekend-long slumber party with our closest friends named Linda!

My serial volunteer life started in 1973 when I became a dedicated blood donor; to date I've given over 100 gallons. I coordinated corporate and community blood drives for over 20 years. For many years I taught Sunday School and served as a deacon. I joined GFWC/Iowa Granger Women's Club. This club is an international volunteer organization for women. Our local club established the Granger Public Library in the early 20th century and continues to support it, as well as scholarships for graduating seniors, financial support for schools, fire and ambulance, and other programs with emphasis on women's programs and domestic violence awareness. I've held all local club offices, county president and state chair positions. I joined the Friends of the Library steering committee to organize the Friends group to support the library. I held office as vice-president and treasurer and continue to help with reading programs, holiday events and weekly activities for other seniors, like me.

My hobbies include knitting and sewing. One goal in retirement is to dust off my loom and get back to weaving.

Conventions are a highlight of my year. Prior to L.I.N.D.A. we traveled to visit relatives and for family vacations. Conventions have taken me to many new and exciting places to celebrate all things Linda.