



## Iola Mentzer

November 17, 1921 - January 16, 2016

Funeral service for Iola Ava Mentzer, age 94 of Schuyler, will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the Christ United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held on Friday at the Svoboda Funeral Home North Chapel from 4 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the church. Iola died January 16th at her home.

Iola Ava Mentzer was a class act. Kind, gracious, loving, caring, compassionate, smart and funny, She was a devoted friend to many, had impeccable fashion sense and top-shelf culinary skills. And then there was her family.....

Iola was hopelessly in love with her husband of 72 years and provided support on EVERY level for him, her son, daughter, in-laws, grandchildren and extended family. Preparing well-planned and executed meals and making sure everyone's needs were met while providing an environment of warmth, comfort and love. She was always willing to lend an ear and heart to those seeking a confidant. She took immense pride in her home and its care. Everything in its place: clean, polished, washed, ironed, folded and hung with care. She was always grateful when people stopped by to visit, remembered her and Mutt with calls and cards, or extended goodwill and kindness to her and members of her family.

Iola and Robert (Mutt) Mentzer, her husband of 72 years, raised two children; Curt and Donna. Iola was a devoted wife and mother who provided behind the scenes support for all of her family's endeavors. Her husband spoiled her with affection and the finer things in life, and she reciprocated by spoiling her family in much the same fashion. She encouraged her children and grandchildren to try new things, be grateful for what they had, love one another and make their own decisions, never chastising them when things didn't necessarily go as planned.

She enjoyed traveling, music, dancing, movies, reading, good conversation, fashion, chocolate, late night talk shows, a good joke and a well-made whiskey sour cocktail.

Iola was born on November 17, 1921, in the Richland area, to Edith and Clement Foust.

She married Robert (Mutt) Mentzer on May 22, 1941. To this union three children were born; Curt, Donna and Marilyn. She is survived by son Curt, his wife Teresa (Schuyler); daughter Donna Peterson, her husband Larry (Omaha); grandchildren Max Mentzer, wife Jen; Alex Mentzer, wife Lisa; Sam Mentzer (all of Chicago) Kelly Wrehe, special friend Bobby Olson (Omaha); Kari Torchia, husband John (Omaha); six great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, sister Doris Saalfeld of Grand Island, NE (the last remaining member of the Edith and Clement Foust family) and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, husband Robert (Mutt) Mentzer on January 7 of 2014; daughter Marilyn; four brothers; five sisters; and numerous extended family members. A woman of faith, Lola was recently recognized as a 60-year member of Christ United Methodist Church, Schuyler.

Family suggest memorials to Family Choice.

Funeral lunch will be served at the church immediately after the service.

# Events

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**JAN 22**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Svoboda Funeral Home - North Chapel  
2004 Colfax (Highway 15), Schuyler, NE, US, 68661

**JAN 23**   **Visitation**   09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Christ United Methodist  
1922 Colfax, Schuyler, NE, US, 68661

**JAN 23**   **Service**   10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ To my most dearest & loving great aunt who meant the world to me! There was never a dull moment with Aunt lola, she was so full of life & loving and a funny person ! She always took me under her wings and everyone else as well. I will so miss this beautiful lady til it's my turn to join her in her new home . Sending all my love & hugs & prayers to my family & cousins Curt, Teresa, Donna , Larry, Kelly & Kari & John and their families . You all hold a special place in my heart. So wished me & my husband Carl & our family could be there! I love you all & keep you in my thoughts & prayers...Much Love xoxo

**Tracy (Muller-) Hansen** - January 23, 2016 at 01:17 PM

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“ Curt, I remember the good times while delivering groceries to your mom some 50 years ago. I always looked forward to going to the Mentzer house and spending time with lola telling, you guessed it JOKES. What a great way to remember your mom! She was a great lady! She will be missed.  
Norman and Philly Dubsy.

**Norman Dubsy** - January 23, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ Aunt Donna, Kelly & Kari,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I don't have many memories of spending time with her, but the few I have are of a funny, loving, beautiful woman. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Placzek

**Sandy Placzek** - January 21, 2016 at 10:08 PM

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“ Dear Mentzer family,  
Our prayers are with you in this time of loss. We wish you the best trying to cope with the loss of such a special lady. We certainly enjoyed our visits to Schuyler and especially the times we were able to visit Uncle Mutt and Aunt lola.  
Bill and Twyla Mentzer - Hudson, WI (formally Fremont, NE)

**Bill Mentzer** - January 20, 2016 at 03:44 PM

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“ Donna, Curt, Theresa, Kelly, Kari & family,  
Your mother, grandmother was a classy act. She'll never be out of your lives because she made an impression all of those she met.  
She'll have a place in the memories of all of us who knew her also  
Cathy Placzek

Cathy - January 20, 2016 at 08:07 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of lola Mentzer.



January 19, 2016 at 10:38 PM

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“ Donna, Kari, Kelly.

So sorry to hear this news. I know your memories will help see you through the tough days ahead. What a beautiful picture!

Lillian

Lillian Richards - January 19, 2016 at 05:24 PM

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“ Donna,Curt,and Families,  
It is with much sadness I write this. Aunt lola was the sweetest Aunt and such a pleasure to be around. I makes me smile to remember how she loved to tell jokes and have a good time. I know Uncle Mutt is happy to have her with him again. I can just see them and Mom and Dad sitting around and visiting like they did for so many years and catching up on the Schuyler news.  
Life will never be the same without her and them.  
I loved her and wish I could be there,but my heart will be.  
My deepest sympathy and love to you all,  
Diane(Mentzer) Harvey

Diane Harvey - January 19, 2016 at 08:01 AM

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“ Donna, Curt and families, my deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. I always loved visiting Aunt lola and Uncle Mutt. lola was always welcoming and fun. I know Mom and Dad always enjoyed the time they spent with your folks. I'm not going to be able to attend the funeral due to a fall and broken ankle, but please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Evonne (Foust) Schuetze

**Evonne Schuetze** - January 18, 2016 at 08:30 PM

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“ Aunt lola will be sorely missed just a Mutt has been. She was my other mother growing up and had the right to whip my butt. She was a wonderful friend and confidant to us and many friends. We love you.

Love, Terry and Judy Muller

**Judy Muller** - January 18, 2016 at 03:19 PM