

## **CHAPTER 23**

### **FACED WITH ANOTHER DISASTER**

The year 1990 proved to be a sad year for me. It was discovered that I had breast cancer. The tumor was removed and I underwent 25 radiation treatments. It seemed unthinkable that I was faced with still another challenge in my life. My life had been going along smoothly without a suspicion that cancer would strike-which goes to prove that we are never immune from adversity.

As if caught in the time warp, I was experiencing feelings of helplessness similar to those I lived through during the days of terror 45 years ago. Eventually, I began to realize that now I was fighting on my own, whereas back in 1944-45 when my life was in jeopardy, I had greater concern for the life of my child. Reflecting back, there were times when I felt her life had to be spared at the cost of my own. Acknowledging feelings of gratitude that we came through, it seemed now at this age I was more readily able to place my life in God's hands. After all, He had "treasured" me during that horrible time and I had faith that He would not give up on me now.

Putting my life in His hands, I live one day at a time. It has now been seven years since my surgery and I'm doing fine. I keep busy with many projects. I have my knitting machine with which I can turn out a garment in no time. At present I'm knitting doll clothes for my two great-granddaughters. I'm active in my church and sing in the choir, just finishing a Christmas cantata. Recently I entered the world of cyber-space. I have in my possession, a computer, Windows 95, a scan jet, and recently entered the Web. These wonders of science have captured most of my spare time. At present, I'm

in the process of entering around 1100 name and pictures of ancestors.



daughter  
Rev. Bill & Karin Wagner



daughter  
Evie & Jack Sherman



**Edith's Family in 1992 -70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Geburtstag)**

Front: Tochter Evie & Edith

2<sup>nd</sup> row: Bob, daughter Karin, sister-in-law Christa & brother Winfried

3<sup>rd</sup> row: Debbie, Tom, John (Evie's boy's) & Kathy with Connor

Karin's children: Bob, Debbie & Kathy