

ILSA COLE

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Ilsa D. Cole. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1938 because I was fortunate to have relatives here. They sent the affidavit that was needed to immigrate to the U.S.A. I am thankful to the Green and Liebman families for saving my life.

My proudest accomplishments since coming to the United States are that after our great losses in Germany, we were able to create a new family. We raised three children, gave them a good education and were happy with their success, and saw our seven grandchildren grow up and take their place in the world. My husband served in the Army during World War II. Later we were able to establish a business and reach a comfortable standard of living. For all this, we thank this great community.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important for Kansas City because we should never forget what happened in Germany when evil forces were allowed to seize control of the government.

From studying the Holocaust, you should learn to take threats seriously and don't think they will go away. The Nazis told us what they were going to do, but we did not believe them.

My message for you, our future generation, is to tell your children what happened in Germany to the Jewish population in the 20th Century and never forget.

Very truly,

Ilsa D. Cole
Hamm/Sieg, Germany
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