



Lois E. Deets

June 14, 1929 - November 1, 2021

On Nov. 1, 2021, Lois Edith Deets slipped away peacefully in her favorite recliner in Pleasant Prairie, WI. There was no particular cause of death other than she was simply worn out after 92 years of joyful, satisfied living. She was born on June 14, 1929 in Chicago, IL to Edward and Martha Schultz (nee Hitzeman). Martha was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and enrolled Lois in the church's grade school. After high school, Lois was courted by a Grace classmate and married William "Bill" Deets in 1950 in Chicago.

Lois and Bill started their family shortly after that 1950 wedding and by 1956, they had five daughters. Lois was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her girls and spent her days teaching them to do traditional things like baking, gardening, home decorating and sewing clothes for themselves and their Barbies. But she also taught them how to properly throw a baseball and that girls can do just about anything they want.

Leaving Chicago in 1954, they moved to Mundelein, IL. As devout Lutherans, Bill and Lois joined St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods, where they sent the girls to grade school and Lois taught Sunday School for 33 years. Lois teased that God was talking to her in Matthew 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always." But she truly did believe that Jesus loved her and her family and all people! Singing "Jesus Loves Me" with her little Sunday schoolers gave her immense joy.

Surprising everyone in 1992 (after the girls left home and began raising families of their own) Lois and Bill moved to Rhinelander, WI, where they bought a resort and named it Five Sisters. Lois wanted a place where their kids and grandkids would be attracted to swim, fish and Play together. Lois's plan worked. For many years, the July 4th week drew the whole family to the Rhinelander cabins. Connections and memories were made by everyone while Lois taught all the grandkids how to receive and deliver bear hugs! Together, Lois and Bill created a large, loving, close-knit family until she, with grace, saw Bill received by the arms of God in 2018.

Lois is survived by her children: Janis (Dave) Nowak; Joyce (Brian) Abernathy ; Joanne (Mike) D'Alton; Judith (Jim) Fulghum and Jacquelyn (Mike) Weaver. She was the loving and devoted grandmother of: Kyle (Abby) Abernathy, Will (Amelia) Abernathy, Kelli (Dave) LaForge, Joshua (Lena) Peterson, Natilee Frigge, Sara Fulghum, Dan (Kristine) Weaver, Beth (Ricardo) Alvarez, and Jill Weaver, plus ten adorable great grandchildren and twins on the way. She leaves behind her in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten. All of these, she loved and touched deeply.

Lois is reunited by her loving husband Bill, her parents, Edward and Martha Schultz and her brother Marvin.

The family's celebration of Lois's life and interment will be private with Burnett-Dane Funeral Home assisting. Memorials may be donated to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book or leave a message at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sad to hear about Lois's passing. She was a wonderful person, along with the entire family. I have wonderful memories of all the family picnics from so long ago. She was so kind and full of life. My mom loved her and your dad. No doubt they are all having a big celebration in heaven. My condolences and prayers to all of you during this very difficult time. All the wonderful memories will keep her close to all of you. God bless you all.*

Love,

Noreen Hitzeman

Noreen Hitzeman - November 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois E. Deets.*



November 07, 2021 at 11:56 PM

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“ *Prayers to you all, such a beautiful family but know you are blessed with great memories.*

Sue Larsen - November 04, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lois E. Deets.*



November 04, 2021 at 12:42 AM



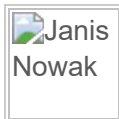
“ *When I was a kid, she was my idol - I wanted to be just like her.*

EUNICE - November 03, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ *I was blessed to have Mrs. Deets across the street from me my entire childhood. My memories are many and special as I remember her seamlessly tidying up the house, baking, sewing and just enjoying her family. She taught me how to bake oatmeal cookies, to embroider, and to sew on her pedal sewing machine. She and Mr. Deets we're both a blessing to their family and to those who were fortunate enough to know them. God wrap His loving arms around their family and comfort them during this sad time.*

Peggy McMahon - November 03, 2021 at 09:38 PM



You are bringing tears Peg. Thank you for your kind words and memories. We had a tight neighborhood. All of us were blessed !

Janis Nowak - November 03, 2021 at 10:09 PM



Your Mom taught me how to embroider on a little wooden hoop she gave to me. I will never forget her sweet kindness and patience in teaching me how to embroider. In my later years, I made beautiful embroidery pillows and framed scenery to give as gifts and decorate my home. Your Mom was such a Special lady and she impacted my life..❤️

Linda Varney - November 03, 2021 at 11:42 PM



I didn't know that, Linda! Thank you for sharing that story about Mom ❤️

Janis Nowak - November 04, 2021 at 10:27 AM



I always felt such a warm welcome when I came to hang out at your house with Joyce and Joanne! I always looked forward to her 'mothering'. I recall thinking what a cool mom she was cuz she let you play rock music in the living room! (Did we all dance, too?). Hugs to you all.

Ellen (Jurs) Butkus - November 06, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lois E. Deets.*



November 03, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *To our dear sister-in-law Lois, we have enjoyed many years of good conversations and laughter. We shared a love and warmth that is cherished. God hold you in his arms. Arlene and Chuck Deets*

Arlene Deets - November 03, 2021 at 07:45 PM



She very much loved you two. Thanks for visiting often. She knew you loved her too!

Janis Nowak - November 03, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family. Ms Deets sound like an amazing person. God will take care of her now in peace.*

Angela Richardson - November 03, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Mrs. Deets was a great woman. Very caring and always welcoming you. I went to St. Matthew with their twin daughters Joanne and Joyce and for years, even after grade school, was always welcomed at their home. She was special.*

*My sympathy and prayers.
Mel*

Mel Meyer - November 03, 2021 at 05:03 PM



Thank you Mel! We all had a great upbringing connecting through St. Matthews, didn't we?

Janis Nowak - November 03, 2021 at 08:21 PM



For sure!

Mel Meyer - November 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM