



Lois Ann McGraw

May 27, 1926 - August 3, 2024

Dodgeville – Lois Ann McGraw, age 98, of Dodgeville, passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab Center. She was born in Mineral Point on May 27, 1926, daughter of Alvis & Gertrude (Schmit) Schaaf. Lois married Paul McGraw, her high school sweetheart, on January 5, 1949 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mineral Point.

After high school, Lois attended DePaul University in Chicago, earning a degree in Secretarial Science. Upon graduation, she worked for the Wrigley Company, with a primary responsibility of keeping statistics for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. She traveled with the Chicago team to Cuba and other Midwest cities.

Lois was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where all 10 of her surviving children attended elementary school. She enjoyed volunteering for many things including distributing Communion to residents at local nursing homes, driving the elderly to appointments and working at blood drives... to name a few. She enjoyed attending activities of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was well known for her baking, especially cinnamon rolls, scones & scotcheroos. She welcomed all to enjoy meals with the family. Faith & family were her life.

Lois is survived by Jim Nagle (husband of Dee-Dee) of Onalaska, children

Mary (Ray) Cooper of Fox River Grove, IL, Jerry McGraw of Dodgeville, Elly (Tim) Chybowski of Madison, Stan (Robin) McGraw of Mineral Point, Denny (Sue) McGraw of Dodgeville, Dave (Maureen) McGraw of Fitchburg, Teresa (Marty) Schmidt of Madison, Paul (Heidi) McGraw of Delavan & Dan (Jill) McGraw of Dodgeville. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren: Eric Nagle, Mark (Anna) Nagle; Raymond (Erin) Cooper, Kevin (Sarah) Cooper, Ann (Scott) Stone; Erin (Jeremy) May, Megan McGraw, Molly (Doug) Banfield; Emily (Mike) Stockbridge, Joe (Amy) Chybowski; Jason (Jodi) McGraw, Bret (Brooke) McGraw; Matt (Nikki) McGraw, Pete (Becky) McGraw, Katie (Brooks) Rademacher; Ryan McGraw, Drew McGraw; Andy Schmidt, Allie (Steve) Slocum; Logan (Tori) Schmidt; Kelly (Matt) Ranallo, Maggie (Alex) Wales; & Cassie McGraw (Adam); along with 30 great grandchildren. Lois maintained a close relationship with her many nieces and nephews.

Since becoming ill in early March, Lois enjoyed many visits with family and friends near and far. She turned 98 and was able to attend a McGraw family reunion recently as beloved matriarch of the family. Lois was preceded in death by the love of her life, Paul, her infant son Stephen, her daughter Dee-Dee, her daughter-in-law Vicki, grandson Justin, and great granddaughter Berkley. She was the sole surviving sibling of her family and of Paul's.

The family would like to thank the priests of St. Joseph's Church, Fr. Tafadzwa Kushamba and Fr. Alex Carmel; Rachel Keith, MD for her tender-loving quality care for many years; & the indescribable care from Upland Hills Hospice staff and the staff at UHH NRC. Your attentive, loving care and kindness to our sweet Mom & our family will never be forgotten. Thank you!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL

HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated in Lois's name to St. Joseph's parish or school, Upland Hills Hospice, Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab Center or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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405 S. Dacotah Street
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Tribute Wall



“ McGraw Family-so very sorry for your loss.
Diane Hermanson & family.

Diane - August 09, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



August 08, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Agnes Ley Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



Agnes Ley Family - August 07, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *Tom, Martha and Rebecca Harding purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



Tom, Martha and Rebecca Harding - August 07, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



August 07, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



August 07, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Scott & Deb Walker and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



Scott & Deb Walker and Family - August 07, 2024 at 10:01 AM

AM

“ *Lois was one of my first water aerobic members, first at the Dodgeville City Pool - where she would watch for my car to pull in (early morning 6:00am), when she saw it, she knew we were having water aerobics so would race across the park to attend. Lois then attended water aerobics for many years at Lands' End. I always admired Lois for her commitment to her family and her faith. She will be missed!*

Ann

Ann Miess - August 06, 2024 at 05:10 PM

GS

“ *Goebel's, Homan's, Krueger's, Smith's purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.*



Goebel's, Homan's, Krueger's, Smith's - August 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

KC

“ *Lois was an inspiration to all. The Clough family will have a Novena of Masses read for Lois by the Marriannahill Fathers.*

Karen Clough - August 05, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ Aunt Lois, the last surviving member of her own Schaaf family and Uncle Paul's McGraw family, "adopted" all of us in the McGraw extended family as our mothers and fathers gradually went to God. Aunt Lois, you gave so many of us cinnamon rolls as we would leave your home after a visit! And in recent years, when we would bring our brother John Peckham to see you, you fondly greeted him, "John, every time you come up (to Wisconsin from St. Louis), you come to see me!"

And at the July 20 reunion, my brother's friend Gina Beach found a place at Lois's table for herself and John. When I eventually got around to saying hi to Aunt Lois, she noticed I did not have a plate of food in my hands, and she insisted, "Janie, get yourself some food!" I had almost finished my meal at another table; she was just concerned about me, like she always was about all of us! Also, there were some times she had Henry and me, from the Kansas City area, stay at her home when we made it to Wisconsin. And sometimes we would pick up Roberta Tuschen and have her spend a night there also. So generous was Lois! -- from Janie Peckham Stoever

Jane P. Stoever - August 03, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois Ann McGraw.



August 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM