



Lois J. McKinley

October 26, 1932 - March 1, 2020

Dodgeville – Lois J. McKinley, age 87, of Dodgeville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home of 62 years on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Lois was born on October 26, 1932, a daughter of Albert and Faye Reeves. She was born at home, the middle child of five siblings.

She celebrated her 65th wedding Anniversary on February 5, 2020 with the love of her life, Bill. Together they were blessed with five children, David (Patti) McKinley, Patricia (Jack) Manzella, Anne (Scott) Russell, Mary Cockerham, Judy (Steve) Zautke; dearest grandmother of ten grandchildren, Krystle, Brandon, Matthew, Alexander, Mandy, Michael, Brockton, Aaron, Karissa and Dawson. Along with seven great-grandchildren, Alexa, Berklee, Gavin, Ashton, Landon, Blair and Bentley.

Lois is further survived by her brothers-in-law Richard McKinley and James (Marilyn) McKinley; her sister-in-law Eileen McKinley; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband William on February 16, 2020, her parents, her great grandson Gavin Russell, her four siblings, her brother-in-law and her sister-in-law.

Lois worked for FmHA (Farmers Home Administration) as County Program Technician for 33 ½ years. She retired on Friday, April 29, 1988. Lois spent her retired years going on trips, making endless memories with her family, gardening and spending time at the cabin of 50 years with family and friends. She also was an avid Badger and Packer fan.

Lois means “Heroine” as she certainly was. She was a woman of great faith, elegance and grace. Her bravery, courage and perseverance were the themes throughout life’s trials and tribulations... a shining example for all of us. May your moss roses bloom as beautiful in Heaven as they did on earth.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Arbaje, St. Croix Hospice and Christian Home Servants for their loving care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church, where a family eulogy will be said at 11:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Croix Hospice or St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dodgeville.

An Angel's Kiss

We go through life so often,
not stopping to enjoy the day.
And we take each one for granted,
As we travel on our way.

For in your pain and sorrow,

An Angel's Kiss will help you through,
This kiss is very private,
For it is meant for only you.

We never stop to measure,
Anything we just might miss.
But if the wind should blow by softly,
You'll feel an Angel's Kiss.

A kiss that is sent from heaven,
A kiss from up above.
A kiss that is very special,
From someone that you love.

So when, your hearts are heavy,
And filled with tears and pain,
And no one can console you,
Remember once again...

About the ones you grieve for,
Because you sadly miss.
And the gentle breeze you took for granted,
Was just an Angel's Kiss.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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

Eulogy

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lois J. McKinley*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I Will always and forever remember Lois walking her beloved fur baby! And if I was home she was waving and wishing me a wonderful Day!! She will dearly be Missed! Her neighbor on walnut street*♥
Maschielle

Maschielle - March 07, 2020 at 08:40 PM



Missed so very much, thank you!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Lois J. McKinley.*



March 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM

KB

“ To Judy & Steve and the McKinley family -
Wishing you peace at this sad time and
hoping you know you're not alone in your
sorrow. Friends and loved ones are lifting you
up in prayer now and in the days to come.
With Sincere Condolences, Karen & Mike



Karen Burns - March 05, 2020 at 05:35 PM

AM

Thank you so very much!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:05 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Lois J.
McKinley



Judy - March 05, 2020 at 08:11 AM

KM

“ Kelli McKinley lit a candle in memory of Lois
J. McKinley



Kelli McKinley - March 04, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AM

Thank you so very much Kelli!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:05 PM

AN

“ Anne lit a candle in memory of Lois J. McKinley



Anne - March 04, 2020 at 01:31 PM

LL

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to all of you! Your Mom was such a delight to be around! Grab all the memories and hold them close to your heart for comfort. I cant imagine the pain of your losses so close together. I just wanted you to know I was thinking of you. Sincerely , Lisa (Roh) Lynch

Lisa (Roh) Lynch - March 04, 2020 at 01:06 PM

AM

Thank you so very much Lisa!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:04 PM

NM

“ Anne, you have said beautifully what so many of us feel. Lois juggled so much on her plate with grace, humor, kindness and humility. Yes, she really was an inspiration—but also so much more. I grieve with you in these recent losses, but prefer to focus on the memories and attempt to copy her example. My love and prayers are with the family.

Nancy McKinley - March 04, 2020 at 12:49 PM

AM

Thank you so very much Nancy!

Anne McKinley-Russell - February 24, 2021 at 01:03 PM

AN

“ Dearest Mom,

To a woman who adored her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, giving constantly of herself and who listened with her whole heart, soul and being. You shared milestones with jubilation and bore the scares of pain and heartache silently and honorably. You put those least deserving and those who meant the world before yourself. You continually reached out to aid those in need, to mend and heal the broken, the weak and the weary, with the seal of unconditional love and sacrifice. You possessed an inner strength, a hope and belief that no matter time nor space, love can and will rise with a comforting embrace and smile, and end with a precious kiss goodnight. You will continue to be an inspiration, and have embedded in the hearts and minds of all those who have ever had the honor of knowing you, what it is to live a life of substance, cherish each new day, and to never give up on the steadfast goodness of hope or faith in God and all his blessings knowing the greatest reward is everlasting peace. On this day forward, may God and his loving army of angels protect and watch over you and may your loving light forever shine upon us. You were our angel on earth and will be forever in Heaven. Thank you for blessing us with your love, your life and your beautiful "you." We love you to the moon and back because you are our sunshine.

Love from all our hearts to yours,

Annie and family OXOX

Anne - March 03, 2020 at 02:35 PM