



Lois Ann Kendall

August 1, 1949 - November 10, 2023

Lois Ann Kendall, age 74, of Albia, IA, passed away on Friday, November 10, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones at her home, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice.

Lois was born on August 1, 1949, in Oskaloosa to Ed and Mary (Adams) Kitzman. She grew up attending Kingsburg country school and later Deep River-Millersburg High where she graduated with the class of 1968. Lois attended Indian Hills Community College in Centerville where she earned her LPN degree. On January 7, 1971, she was united in marriage to Carl Kendall in Deep River, IA, and to this union, 3 daughters, Chris, Cyndi, and Carla, were born. Carl and Lois were blessed with 52 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Lois worked for different nursing homes in the area, including Golden Age Care Center in Centerville and the Albia Manor before she went to work at the VA Hospital in Knoxville. She worked there for 32 years prior to her retirement in 2015. She was very kind, caring, generous and compassionate which led her to her nursing career.

Lois enjoyed being outdoors and flower gardening. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed doing needle point and refinishing old furniture. Lois was very active in the county fair, volunteering countless hours, serving on the

Monroe County Fair Board for many years and as Superintendent for the exhibit building. She took much pride in watching her children and grandchildren show livestock, taking first in every class at some point over the years. Her faith was very important to her and on Sunday mornings, she could be found watching the livestreamed church service. She also enjoyed watching old television shows. She loved her dog, Ed. She looked forward to lunch get togethers once each month with her old friends and co-workers. Lois loved her family and cherished all the time she spent with them, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lois is survived by her husband, Carl; 3 daughters, Chris (Bill) Knowles, Cyndi (Jim) Wilson, and Carla (Chris) Kendall-Duncan; 10 grandchildren, Travis (Taylor), Becca (Daniel), Dylan (Hailey), Ashlee (Jeremy), Rylin, Branden, Caleb, Shyanne, Madison and Clayton; 3 great grandchildren, Brinley, Harper, and Carter; and 2 brothers, Charles (Betty) Kitzman and Larry Kitzman. Lois is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Mary Kitzman.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Lois's family present from 4:00-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Daniel Keeton officiating. Burial will follow services at Union Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Union Chapel Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Greg weldon - December 13, 2023 at 07:28 PM

SM

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. I remember in grade school, going to a slumber party Chris hosted for some of our classmates and it was my first one. I got scared and Lois patiently woke up in the the middle of the night to call my parents and ask them to come get me. As an adult, I know how hard it is to be pleasant when awakened in the middle of the night, so I appreciate her kindness all the more!*

Shannon Maddy - November 14, 2023 at 08:12 PM

CB

“ *I met lois when I started working at the VA in 2001. She was the sweetest person. And I loved working with her . She was one of my favorites to work with.*



Charlene Barnes - November 12, 2023 at 01:58 PM

JR

“ *I met Lois through my Mom (Virginia Richey) at the VA, and when I started in 1998, I had the pleasure and honor of working with her! She was a kind, caring and loving person. She was the best nurse, loved taking care of people! I lost my Mom in 2020 , 3 years today, and it's a pain you never get over! I'm sure they're together up there talking shop and about their families whom they loved very much! RIP Mom, (I called her Mom), I know you are both looking down and watching over us, you will be greatly missed!*

Jeri Richey - November 12, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BE

“ *Such a wonderful friend and co-worker for many years at the VA.
Loved by many friends. RIP my friend.*

Betty - November 11, 2023 at 04:38 PM