



## Lois H. Rasmussen

November 9, 1922 - December 23, 2021

Lois H. Rasmussen, age 99, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born November 9, 1922 in Bourbonnais, the daughter of Charles & Ethel Ward Hartman.

Lois married Wayne Rasmussen on December 15, 1951 in Kankakee.

She had been a salesclerk at Sears. Lois loved sewing, embroidering, and crocheting. Surviving are her husband 70 years, Wayne Rasmussen of Bourbonnais; two sons, Gary L. Magruder of Plainfield and Daniel (Susan) Magruder of Aroma Park; three grandchildren, Dawn Magruder, Darin Magruder, and Amy Dumontelle; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Doris Baird.

Private family interment will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois H. Rasmussen*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Wayne & family & friends so sorry for your loss. She was such a wonderful lady, she will be missed by all. Jim & Carol Cahill*

**James Cahill** - January 29, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Mary Beth McGrath lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen*



**Mary Beth McGrath** - January 07, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *My mom Ardis McCullough worked with Lois at Sears for many years. She always had a great smile when she greeted you... My thoughts and prayers to all if you.*



**Mary Beth McGrath** - January 07, 2022 at 11:20 PM

G(

“ My Mother was loved by family and friends. While my Dad stirred a love of movies in me , my Mother regularly read to me even before it was possible for to do so myself . She often told me that on the long train ride to /from Washington State while I sat on her lap she would read a children’ s book to me . As she turned the pages ,I said the the words . Passengers on the train would stop amazed. “ He is so young and he can read . I’m stunned . I didn’t know that it was possible”. (I had memorized the words that went with each page . ) She said that she just smiled and said , “ Well, you can see and hear him “. She must have told me that story throughout my life many ,many times . I did become an avid reader and still am . I don’t think many knew just how important reading was to her. When her vision became so critical and she could not see well enough to read ,it was a great loss . Television with its blurry picture and yet sound was not a real replacement. She often told me that she missed turning the pages and feeling the paper . While she was a woman of her times in many ways . She also was special ..working as others did during and for the the war effort when FDR was President , helping in the fields on the farm in her youth , loving school never more ,however, than dancing to the music of the time . She also experienced joy and suffering in life not to be ignored.She was a beauty too as old and newer photographs demonstrate. No wonder she caught my Dad Wayne’s eye . When someone from high school or later college met her for the first time , they often thought she was my sister.

She loved her grandchildren and often said she did have a soft spot for boys . That was lucky for my brother Daniel and me . She never stopped wanting the best for us . Beside loving the family members there is no question how much her Scotch Terriers meant to her. They were company and loyalty and when they passed a true loss of comfort and never ending affection . One can not sum up the gift of a parent’s life in words . Memories do remain with those who loved her . Her oldest son , Gary Magruder

Gary Magruder (son) - January 04, 2022 at 01:08 PM

CO

“ Cheryl And Emma Overton lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Cheryl and Emma Overton - December 29, 2021 at 04:56 PM

CO

“ Lois and my mom, Gwendolyn Shreffler, were childhood friends in Deselm and classmates who graduated together from Manteno High School in 1940. They remained friends over the years until my mom's death in July of 2014. Just about the time my daughter Emma was born in 1999, the Class of 1940 decided to have monthly high school reunions as well as annual ones, as there were many classmates in the area who enjoyed getting together. As I often brought my mom to these reunions, my daughter also became sort of an unofficial class mascot, and Emma and I were so fortunate to come to know and love Lois and her husband, Wayne. We tried in recent years to contact Lois and Wayne to let them know that another dear friend and classmate of Lois's, Roberta Rhodes Marcotte, wished them well. We recently sent a copy of Lois's obituary to Roberta, who now lives out of state and also appears to be one of the last members of Manteno High School Class of 1940. If Wayne would like to contact Roberta, your family can contact us for Roberta's information. Our phone number is 815-953-8386. Our deepest sympathies for your loss.  
-Cheryl and Emma Overton

Cheryl Overton - December 29, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DM

“ Doug And Linda (Parrish) Mandat lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Doug and Linda (Parrish) Mandat - December 27, 2021 at 06:05 PM

DM

“ Doug And Linda (Parrish) Mandat sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Doug and Linda (Parrish) Mandat - December 27, 2021 at 06:04 PM

MD

“ Mike And Beverly Duffy lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Mike and Beverly Duffy - December 27, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JC

“ Jimmy And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Jimmy and Peggy Cole - December 27, 2021 at 04:00 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Lois H. Rasmussen



Vickie Hammond - December 27, 2021 at 12:24 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss my deepest sympathy Wayne and family

Carol (Stankus) Morris - December 25, 2021 at 08:45 AM

CH

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss! Sending my love to family!!

Carol Higginbotham - December 28, 2021 at 03:38 PM