



Lois Jean Vonderheide

June 11, 1935 - February 18, 2025

With determination and an unwavering spirit, Lois Jean Vonderheide, age 89 of Mattoon, IL, left this world to be with her Creator on February 18, 2025, at Willow Breeze Hospice House in Mattoon, IL, surrounded by her devoted husband and beloved family. A woman of strength, vision, and deep faith, Lois built a life centered on love, service, and leadership.

A funeral Mass will be held in her honor at 11:00 AM, Monday, February 24, 2025, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. A committal service will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM, Sunday evening, February 23, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. A vigil Rosary service will be performed prior to the visitation at 2:30 PM at the funeral home. Born on June 11, 1935, in St. Louis, MO, to Clay and Helen Bording, Lois carried with her the values of hard work and resilience. She first married Paul Lindemann, with whom she shared precious years before his passing in 1959. Together, they were blessed with a daughter, Roxanne, and two sons, Clifford and Michael. Lois found love again, uniting her life and young family with Raymond Vonderheide on February 1, 1964. Together, they built a loving partnership spanning 61 years, recently celebrating their anniversary with a family dinner at their home.

Lois possessed a keen business sense and entrepreneurial spirit that shaped the Mattoon community. She founded and successfully operated Just Jeans,

The Open Door, and Bressler's Ice Cream at Cross County Mall, establishing local businesses that provided jobs and community connections. Her leadership extended beyond business as she was an active force in civic life, holding leadership roles in the American Business Women's Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the local tourism committee. She played a key role in organizing Bagelfest, a signature Mattoon event, and was elected to the Mattoon City Council, serving as finance commissioner. Her efforts helped improve air quality in the city by ending the practice of leaf burning, leaving a lasting impact on the community she loved.

Beyond her professional achievements, Lois was a woman of service and deep faith. A longtime member of Immaculate Conception Church, she and Ray dedicated countless hours to helping others, embodying the values of compassion and generosity.

A lover of life's joys and a glass of wine, Lois cherished time with family and friends, whether traveling the world with Ray during his career with Morton Buildings or enjoying Thursday night dinners at the Country Club. She was a life-long St. Louis Cardinals fan, a dedicated follower of Fighting Illini Basketball, and found excitement in American Flat Track Motorcycle Racing. She also had a sharp mind for strategy and loved playing bridge with dear friends.

Above all, family was Lois's greatest joy. She was deeply proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, celebrating their successes and nurturing their dreams. She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength through those who will carry her spirit forward: her husband, Ray; daughter Roxanne (Larry) Lilly, Mattoon; sons Cliff (Desra) Lindemann, Bluford, IL and Mike (Liz) Lindemann, Champaign, IL; grandchildren Angie (Kent) Niebrugge, Teutopolis, IL; Brandon (Lydia) Lindemann, Deltona, FL; Kristin (Nick) Daniels, Mattoon; DeAirdra Lindemann Dagg, Fairfield, IL; Briena (Mark) McKay, Mattoon; Laura Lindemann and Allison Lindemann, Champaign, IL; Rachel Lindemann, Los Angeles, CA; and Alex Lilly, Mattoon; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She is also survived by her sister-in-law

Dorothy Bording of St. Louis, MO.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Clay and Helen Bording; her brothers Clay, Gary, and Cliff Bording; her sister-in-law Jeri Bording; and her first husband, Paul Lindemann.

Lois Jean Vonderheide's determination, faith, and love for others shaped every aspect of her remarkable life. She will be remembered not only for what she accomplished but for the lives she touched and the legacy of strength and service she leaves behind.

Memorials in her honor may be made Willow Breeze Hospice House, 1000 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938 or Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospice, 1004 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **23**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938-2731
(217) 235-0539

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Our hearts are broken for Ray and family. We will greatly miss Lois at our every Thursday night dinners. We will save an open chair in memory. Ray, we would love for you to still join us anytime. We wish so we could be there but I (Robert) have to have emergency surgery here in Florida and can't get back in time. Please know our prayers are with you.

Robert and Susan Riggert

Robert Riggert - February 24, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DC

Lois was an amazing person who is greatly missed. Diane and I extend our deepest sympathies to Ray and all Lois's family. And we echo the Riggert's comment in hoping that Ray might continue to join our Thursday night dinner bunch.

Dave and Diane Coen - February 24, 2025 at 08:48 PM

KW

“ So very sorry for your loss, Ray and family! She was an amazing lady! I enjoyed the times I played bridge with her! Great bridge player! Although it appeared at times she was not well, she always had a smile on her face! She will be missed!
Karen Willaredt

karen willaredt - February 23, 2025 at 08:16 AM

CG

“ *Roxanne, Larry and family: So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with your Mom and Ray at church and church functions. She will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*With Sympathy,
Chris Gebben*

Chris Gebben - February 22, 2025 at 01:52 PM

EG

“ *Elaine, Debbie, Kim, Becky and Greg purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lois Jean Vonderheide.*



Elaine, Debbie, Kim, Becky and Greg - February 21, 2025 at 08:52 PM

BH

“ *My sympathy to the family of Lois. Lois always had a smile, a sincere word, and a special chuckle. Lois and I teased each other as she frequently won at the King of Clubs drawing. I told her once I should just give her my tickets - then I might win. Yes, Lois was a winner. My thoughts are with her family.*

Barbara Haberer - February 21, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

MW

“ Mike, I worked with your mom for a short time doing inventory. I always loved when she was scheduled to work with us. We had so much fun. So sorry for your loss.
Mindy Willingham Wingler.

Mindy Willingham Wingler - February 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SW

“ Roxanne, Cliff, Mike, and Ray, I'm saddened to read of your mother's passing. What a life well lived. She was a true friend to my mother for many years. RIP

Stacy Womack - February 20, 2025 at 05:02 PM

EN

“ Always enjoyed our time serving together on the city council. Ray and Lois were good friends.

Edward Cochran Neal - February 20, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lois Jean Vonderheide.



February 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lois Jean Vonderheide.

February 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ I have met up with Lois a time or to when I was in Mattoon. The last time I saw her was some time ago at Aldi's in Mattoon. We had nice visit and she was busy that day. She always had a kind word for anyone, she was always friendly and a kind soul. She will be missed by her family and friends. I will offer my prayers for Lois and her family. Eternal rest, grant unto her soul, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in peace. Amen. Fr. Edward Ohm



Fr. Edward Ohm - February 19, 2025 at 11:35 PM



“ Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Lois Jean Vonderheide



kathi sewell cobble - February 19, 2025 at 08:34 PM