



Lois Ann Riffle

March 22, 1943 - July 31, 2021

Lois Ann Riffle (Bates) aged 78 of Fountain, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital. Lois was born March 22, 1943 at Paulina Stearns Hospital in Ludington, the daughter of Kenneth Frederick and June Hope (Christensen) Bates. She grew up in Mason County and attended school at Mason County Central, graduating with the class of 1961.

On June 17, 1961, she married Norman Charles Riffle at Victory Trinity Lutheran Church and they celebrated 38 years together before Norman preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister Laura; and her brother-in-law Keith Riffle and his wife Beth.

Lois worked for 34 years as a bus driver for Mason County Eastern Public Schools, and was a member of Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church and the Mason County Farm Bureau. Her greatest love was for the Lord and for her family, and she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lois also enjoyed helping and visiting with her friends, family and those in need.

Lois will be greatly missed by her daughter Candy (Kelly) Lemire of Fountain; her sons Norman "Buzz" (Lisa) Riffle Jr. of Belding, and Marc (Betsy) Riffle of Scottville; her brothers Fred (Cathi) Bates, Kenny Bates, and Frank (Roberta)

Bates all of Ludington; her grandchildren Chad (Natalie) Riffle, Holly (Donnie) Danklefsen, Sydney Riffle, Logan Riffle, Rebekah (Kyle) Jacobson, Hope (Sam) Sagers, Alaina (David) Wyman, Kelly (Rachel) Lemire Jr., Naaman (Katrina) Lemire, and Zachary Martinsen; her great grandchildren Addison, Jaxon, Alivia, Joseph, Easton, Nolan, Gabriella, Bradley, Eric, Matthew, Grace, Faith, Rose, Lilly, Abigail, Joanna, baby Lemire, Naaman Jr, Ariana, and Ivy.

Funeral services will be held for Lois at 1:30 pm on Saturday, August 7th at Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church with Pastor Jay Piper and Rev. Norman Letsinger officiating. Private burial will take place at Fountain Cemetery. Friends may meet with her family for a time of visitation on Friday evening, August 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville, and Saturday from 12:30 pm until time of services at Bachelor Church.

Due to severe allergies to flowers, Lois' family would ask you to please consider making donations to Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp in her memory, www.portagelake.org.

Cemetery Details

Fountain Cemetery

3200 East Fountain Road
Fountain, MI 49410

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
305 E. State St.
Scottville, MI 49454
(231) 757-3333
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Ceremony

AUG 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church
5940 East Sugar Grove Road
Fountain, MI 49410

Tribute Wall

IR

“Lois was a wonderful caring person. She loved to laugh and enjoy life. Always positive. She will be missed.”

Irene - August 07, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JK

“Lois was always so sweet and kind. She was our bus driver for several years and very patient with all of her passengers. If she was having a bad day we never knew it. I remember one year we had two fluffy yellow kittens that always followed us to the bus and we would have to run them back to the barn. Lois ended up wanting them (maybe to end the daily delay! 😊). However, we were sure she would take good care of them.

Our deepest sympathy to Lois's family. She was the perfect example of a Christian by the way she lived her life each day. We will miss seeing Lois and her smile. George Allison, Jayne (Allison) Knudsen

Jayne Knudsen - August 06, 2021 at 04:40 PM

SH

“ The world feels a little less safe and warm without Lois in it. I know that the 3 words Lois should have most often heard were: "Thank you, Lois." Lois was always there for all of us. She quite often told me that she remembered my first day of school and how proud and protective my older brothers were of me. When my three youngest sons started school at MCE, Lois picked them up and brought them home safely and securely every single school day, until they drove themselves to school. I never had to worry about them at school, because I knew Lois was looking out for them. When I went back to work and was sometimes a little later than the bus getting home, that big old yellow bus would be sitting in front of my house, kids still on board, waiting patiently. When our dog, Brownie, hopped on the bus with the boys every morning, Lois would patiently send him back out, telling him he could not go to school.

I could go on and on with stories of my kids and Lois. I really just want all of her family to know how much we love Lois.

Love,

Susan Heyse Larsen

Susan Heyse - August 04, 2021 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ Candy ,Buzz and Marc, Im very sorry to hear about your moms passing. Lois was a very big part of my life growing up and attending Bachelor Church..She always made sure we all got to Church every week. And as an Adult we always would give each other hugs and catch up with each other..Lois was like another mom to me and she will be greatly miss by us all. I'm glad to know she has her Angel Wings and watching down on all of us. Its not good bye , we will spend eternity with her in heaven..God bless you all in this difficult time.. Shana (Fenner) Warner

Shana (Fenner) Warner - August 03, 2021 at 08:04 PM

NS

“ *Lois was a perfect example of what true unconditional love was! She truly is a gem that will continue to shine on through everyone she has touched. Sending prayers to the whole family.*

Natasha Smith - August 02, 2021 at 11:42 PM

DD

“ *We grew up with Lois and her family!!! She always drove us to church and school ❤️ Sorry for her family's loss she certainly was a great lady !!! Love to all Debbie Daugherty (Yeager)*

Deb Daugherty - August 02, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Riffle.*



August 02, 2021 at 07:41 PM

RR

“ *Candy and family so, so sorry for the loss of your Mother, Lois. She was such a blessing to James and I, she kept us up on the church family during these uncertain times and we will miss the bulletins and her sweet notes each week. May God grant you peace that she with her heavenly family now. Sending our most sincere condolences. James & Ruth Ann Ricketts.*



Ruth Ann Ricketts - August 01, 2021 at 02:05 PM

CM

May God heal your hearts...she will be missed

Crystal McCormick - August 02, 2021 at 06:36 PM

SS

I'm praying for your family and know Lois will be greatly missed. Greg asked me to convey his sympathy to all of you and remembers your mom's Sunday School and Junior Church teachings. She taught lessons the children never forgot.

Shirley Sawdy - August 02, 2021 at 09:26 PM

PC

So sorry for you loss. Lois was such a sweet & caring person. She is with her heavenly father now. God be with your family.

Patsy L Chavalia - August 03, 2021 at 12:30 PM