



Lois R. Lawhead

May 25, 1931 - November 18, 2017

Lois Rowene (Bissell) Lawhead, 86, of Kearney, passed to her Heavenly Home Saturday November 18, 2017, at Good Samaritan-St. Luke's Nursing Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 AM Monday, November 27, 2017 at New Life Church with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Interment will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home on Sunday from 5pm-7pm with the family.

If attending the celebration of Lois' life, feel free to dress in bright colors she dearly loved.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

She was born on the family farm in Burwell, NE to Ray O. and Rowena G. (Garrison) Bissell on May 25, 1931. She grew up in Kearney, NE and graduated from Kearney High School.

Lois met a tall, thin young man, that her Dad hired to work in the family's upcoming business, Bissell Venitian Blind Co. Bob and Lois married June 19, 1949. After she completed her ASID Interior Decorating courses, they both continued to work in the business and eventually built it into Bissell Decorating Studio. Lois thrived to become an accomplished business woman, and loved being a part of making homes beautiful for her clients. Lois retired, reluctantly,

at 80 years old.

Lois was a proud PTA President for 5 years. She held a lifetime membership in the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She and Bob were involved with Baptist Youth Fellowship as leaders for many, many years. Lois enjoyed being involved with her sons' Boy Scouts, and her daughters' 4-H club. Her heart was always for her family, and helping others.

She is survived by her children, Stephen R. Lawhead and wife Alice of Oxford England, G. Scott Lawhead and wife Kelli of Scottsdale, AZ, Trudy A. Peters and husband John of Lansing KS, Nanci J. Hudec and husband Jerry of Kearney, NE; her foster son Harry Galbraith and wife Patty of Grand Island, NE. She was so proud of her 10 grandchildren and their spouses, and her 7 great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her parents- in-law, one brother, two sisters and granddaughter Tiffany.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Celebration of Life

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church
2715 W. 39th St.
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois R. Lawhead*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I had the privilege of working for Lois and Bob. They were both fun and interesting to work with. Lois taught me much about decorating. She will be missed. May God's love comfort all of you.*

Rebecca Taylor

Rebecca Bralick Taylor - December 04, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *I want to you to know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. I met Lois in 1982 when Le and I were married. I will always remember her as a very caring person, and as one who was very dedicated to her family and business. I have many fond memories of Lois. May God be with you all.*

Mary Garrison

Mary Garrison - November 26, 2017 at 03:18 PM

LW

“ Nanci I feel your loss of your wonderful classy mother and knowing she was born in my home town of Burwell, Ne just made me closer to you.

I extend my sympathy to you, and a privilege to assist you at the O'Brien, Strattmann, Redinger Funeral Home visitation for your special mother.

Lee Ward visitation and Funeral Assistant.



Lee Ward - November 25, 2017 at 09:45 PM

JL

“ Jeff, Ge'ne, Matt and Jackson Lawhead purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lois R. Lawhead.



Jeff, Ge'ne, Matt and Jackson Lawhead - November 25, 2017 at 03:36 PM

CS

“ My heart goes out to you, her family. We were privileged to know Lois. She was a friend, a person to listen to, and a person with whom we walked some hard times. We got to go out with the family after Bob died and hear so many stories of the family. We grieved at the loss of Tiffany.

Lois was a woman of faith and creativity. Her home was a showplace of her talent at decorating. She is home now and joyously welcomed into Heaven.

My prayers aren't with her, but for her family. Always know God's presence, comfort, and care.

Carolyn & Keith Scheidies

Carolyn R Scheidies - November 23, 2017 at 09:41 AM

TH

“ Steve and family,
My deepest sympathy to you all. Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.

Terri (Bauer) Hirschbrunner

Terri Hirschbrunner - November 22, 2017 at 11:59 PM

BL

“ To the family of Lois - my sympathy. I was a high school classmate of Lois - as well as doing some business with her in the decorating business - long before the store moved to Central Avenue.

Bobbie (McGowan) Lindenstein

Storm Lake, Iowa

Bobbie Lindenstein - November 22, 2017 at 11:39 AM

KV

“ Sorry to hear Lois passed away. Last met Lois coming out of the TARGET STORE in Kearney after she had open heart surgery. Many memories of Lois. My mother (Gloria Verbeck) had Lois custom make all the drapes/curtains/bed spreads for her house from Bissell Decorating Studio. I still have all of the Bissell Decorating Studio custom made curtains/drapes/bed spreads Lois made. Knew her son, Scott Lawhead & then wife Rosie when they had a double wide trailer house in the same trailer park (East Lawn Mobile Homes) as I did, back in 1976. Drove Scott & Rosie back home to Kearney when they flew in to the Grand Island airport when they were running the sound for Johnny Cash. I was employed by STANAL SOUND for a short time back in 1976.

REST IN PEACE.

*Kent Verbeck
Minden, Nebraska*

Kent Verbeck - November 21, 2017 at 08:15 PM