



Loree Maddux

July 7, 1928 - July 10, 2011

Loree Maddux, 83 of Kearney died Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Services will be 10:30 AM, Friday July 15th at O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. Eric Leshner and Major Gloria Stepke will officiate. Inurnment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Red Cross Disaster Fund. On-line condolences may be submitted to osafh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Loree was born July 7, 1928 in Milburn, OK to John F. and Grace (Maeyers) Williams. She graduated high school at Salina, KS. She attended McCook Community College and Kearney State College. She was married to Eugene H. Maddux on October 29, 1961 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salina. While Eugene was an officer in the US Air Force, she volunteered at various Air Force bases and community organizations and was elected as the Officer's Wives Club representative to the BX Board as well as multi-terms as the Officer's Wives Club Representative on the Commissary Board. She was also active at various base hospitals as a Red Cross volunteer and military Family Service. They lived in various places including, Plattsburg and Syracuse, NY, Atwater, CA, Shreveport, LA and Wauneta, NE. While living in the Kearney area she was active in various local and state organizations and was Buffalo County Republican State Committeewoman for several years and was Vice Chairman of the Congressional Third District serving as the Vice Chairman with Chairman, Merlin Carlson. She was also active in the Kearney and Lancaster Red Cross

Chapters. She also served as a Red Cross National Disaster Volunteer and went on more than forty national disasters on the mainland, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. She also worked in the volunteer program at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was a past member of First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Survivors include son, Peter Glen Maddux and wife, Cyndy of Lincoln, daughters, Susan C. Lynch and husband, Chandler of Kearney, Cathy L. England and husband, Michael of Gibbon and Peggy A. Haslam and husband, George of Moreno Valley, CA. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents, husband, brothers, David, Maurice, Elton and Roger, stepbrothers, Bob and Chet Hein.

Tribute Wall



“ Loree Maddux

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Loree made it 3 days past her birthday. My sister and Loree were very good friends in Salina (and neighbors). My sister died on Loree's birthday in 1961. I have tried to keep in touch as our whole family thought a lot of Loree. May God bless your family and comfort you. She will be greatly missed. I loved her sense of humor. Thanks for sending the email, Susan. Joan

Joan Howell Whitaker - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ I met Loree on my first assignment for Red Cross DSHR in Puerto Rico in 1989, and for me it was like meeting a sister. We worked together several times and kept in touch through letters, phone calls and e-mails. Loree helped me through a long rough patch in life -- a long-distant shoulder to lean on. I already miss her frequent messages, and her gentle voice answering the phone, "Well, Pearl, how are you?" And it wasn't just a phrase, she really wanted to know what was happening in my life. How fortunate we are to have had Loree in our lives.

Pearl Aldrich - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

CC

“ *Befriending Loree over the e-mail correspondence was certainly one of a great pleasure. Her views and ideas were always expressed with that pungent wit of her that I am going to miss. Her missives carrying her and Gene's viewpoints were always welcomed and appreciated. My best tribute to honor her is remembering those words and remarks that characterize her and her mind. Go to her in my prayers for both, she and the family left behind, my most absolute respect, and sympathy.*

Celestino (Tino) Caicoya - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

SN

“ *I only met Aunt Loree once - at the '98 family reunion in OK City. I felt like I knew her a lifetime. We kept in touch through the years via email. She loved my dog Hooch; I would send her pictures of him; and she would tell me about her doggies as well. She was very comforting to me when Hooch died. She also knew about my other dogs, Minnie Hooch and LuLu; and she loved seeing their pictures also. AL was the most genuine, kind, loving, and caring person to even me...someone she met only once. She had a way of making you feel very special....she leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that touched everyone she knew. She will forever be in my heart and I am so proud to have known her.*

Sue Ness - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ I only met Aunt Loree one time, (at the family reunion in OK City in '98) but I felt like I knew her a lifetime...we corresponded for years via email. She loved my dog Hooch, and we talked about her doggies; then when Hooch died, she was so comforting to me. She also got to know my other puppies, Minnie Hooch and LuLu. "AL" was such a genuine, loving, and giving person ~ she leaves a great legacy of warmth and kindness. I am so proud to have known her. She will forever be in my heart.

Sue Ness - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JZ

“ Loree was an amazing woman and one of the best friends I have had. She was one of the strongest and most intelligent women I have known and I loved her humor and quick wit. I'll miss her every day. Rest in peace my friend. Love, Jan

Jan Zaletel - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JM

“ I will greatly miss her correspondence. She and Gene were great friends at the beginning of our marriage and air force career. In recent years she was my sounding board I will miss her Lorie

john & Lorie Mahar - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JR

“ Susan and family - my deepest sympathies. Loree was very near and dear to me for many years. She was not only supportive but an inspiration to me. I thank God that I had the priviledge to know her. May God bless you during this difficult time. My prayers are with you.

Janet Riese - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GW

“ Well, I have very fond memories with Aunt Loree "AL" which after the family reunion in OK City ("98" or so) I really got to know her and correspond. I remember when the Maddux family would come to OK, but more just playing with the rest of cousins (lots of cards, & making ice cream, also remember a lot of cars) when they came to visit. After attending reunion in OK I started corresponding via the internet with My Aunt Loree, "AL". She was a kick to chat with and I'm so sorry my husband and children, Genny & Reese were not able to meet her. She definitely knew a lot about them w/o meeting them herself, and always asked about them. Thanks! AL for your memories-LOVE your hats!!

Gayle Williams Wade - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GW

“ I want to send our condolences from the NW Williams'. I remember with fondness the reunions we would have in Kansas and Oklahoma when I was growing up. Peter seemed to be my only similar aged relative at those events, and Aunt Loree and Gene were always very nice. We are thinking of all of you and your families. I speak with my son quite often about his Grandpa, who he never knew, and his life and family growing up in Texas and Oklahoma. My Uncles and Aunt Loree were strong individuals and good role models to look towards. They overcame adversity, persevered and lived a positive life. We are comforted that Aunt Loree is at peace and is with Uncle Gene. Please accept our condolences from my wife Toni, son Tanner, and Jeff, Christi, Gayle and mom.

Gordon Williams - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM