



Lois Reilly

August 18, 1930 - November 19, 2021

Lois Jean Reilly, age 91, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away Friday morning, November 19th, 2021, at her home.

"There are few things more powerful than the faithful prayers of a righteous mother"

Lois' faith in Jesus and her unending prayers for her children paved the way for her children to accept Jesus into their lives. She will be deeply missed but grateful she is with her best friend.

Lois was born on August 18, 1930, in Niles Michigan, the daughter of the late Eldon and Lorraine (Haas) Reed. On April 7, 1951, she married a good God-fearing man that she loved deeply, Raymond Edward Reilly in Buchanan Michigan and enjoyed 60 years together before he passed. She earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree from Michigan State University. Lois was an elementary school teacher and she taught all grades from kindergarten to sixth

before settling into a permanent third grade position. She was active in the lives of all the children she taught. She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her church friends. She also spent every minute she could with her nine children. But most of all she loved the Lord Jesus Christ, her best friend.

She was a mother of 9: three sons: Steve Reilly and wife Huyen of New York, Brian Reilly and wife Ginny of Texas, and Sean Reilly of Sault Ste. Marie; six daughters: Karen Murray (deceased) of Sault Ste. Marie, Christine Moore and husband Howard of Colorado, Diane Possamai and husband Mark of Sault Ste. Marie, Raelene Reilly and husband Terry LaLonde of Autrain Michigan, Marianne Sebastian and husband Ken of Sault Ste. Marie, and Susan Kerst and husband Brad of Washington; 31 grandchildren and many many great, grandchildren.

Private funeral services for family and friends will be held on December 11th, 2021, at the "Reilly" home from 2-4pm with burial at the Reilly cemetery.

We would like to send our sincerest thank you and deepest gratitude to Diane (Atkinson) Johnson who was her live-in caretaker. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Sweet Lois, you have been a light to me since childhood. Visiting you was a true blessing and you will be missed. Your huge heart was endless. To my cousins know we send our love. She now rests with Ray and Karen. Love you all.

Julie Robards Ferris

Julie Ferris - December 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Growing up next door to Gramie and Pop-pop was one of my greatest joys! I always felt the need to go over and borrow baking supplies just so I could spend some time with them and her special food pantry. :) Gramie was such a blessing in my life and I appreciate all she taught me. I am so glad she is now home with Pop-pop and Mom. Love you, Gramie!!

Heather Clegg - December 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ As a young couple when we arrived at Lake Superior State University in the late 1960's, we were welcomed and mentored by several older faculty families. Since we lived a few doors away from Lois and Ray the first year, they were especially important to us. Their example of a loving and hard working family will always be a fond memory.

Bernie and Colleen Arbic - December 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ sending love and hugs to the family of Lois. She was a delightful teacher and mother. I remember her with fond memories. My son Keelan was in her class at Lincoln school . He was also a good friend of Julia's who was just as delightful as her grandmother. I understand the loss the family is feeling. Please know I am thinking of you all at this holiday season. Peace and love to you. Tom, Helen , Keelan and Kate
The Bush family

helen bush - November 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Grammy made a house a home. If Pop-pop taught me the magic to be found exploring the northwoods, then it was Grammy who taught me the importance of having a warm, inviting home to come back to. From my earliest memories, Grammy was always ready to share what she had with others and provide generous hospitality to anyone who crossed her hearth. She had such capacity to give. As I have been remembering and honoring her, I want to share a few special moments. When I was walking too slow as a child, she would slow down, hold my hand, and say "we can go slow together." When I went off to college, sometimes I'd get cards from her with \$5, telling me to go treat myself to a hot chocolate. It was a reminder from her to take care of myself too. Throughout my life she always provided me a home to come back to, no matter where I was coming from. To my jolly, kind-hearted, and incredibly generous Grammy, I love you and I will miss you for the rest of my life. I know the angels carried you home to heaven.

Julia Malette - November 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ To the Reilly family - So very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a gracious lady. She was always so friendly. I hope you take solace in her being with your dad, sister and our Lord. Thoughts and prayers to your family.



Sandy DePlonty - November 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I taught with Lois at Soo Township School for several years in the 1970's. She was a warm, kind, enthusiastic, upbeat person. When I left Soo Township School, Lois threw a tremendous going away party I will never forget. It was an honor and pleasure to know her.

Lorraine Mary Leidholdt - November 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sending my condolences to the family.. What a beautiful person your mother was. She not only taught me in my sixth grade class at Jefferson but she also was my mentor when I was doing my student teaching. So blessed to have known her.



Cheryl FitzGerald - November 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM