



Lois Beaver

April 4, 1919 - May 11, 2020

Lois Beaver, 101, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday, May 11, 2020, at the Mahaska Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Lois Ann Beaver was born on a farm a mile west of Cedar, Iowa, April 4, 1919, to Carl and Ethel (Brubaker) Ferguson. She grew up in the Cedar Community and attended grade school and high school at Cedar Consolidated School at Cedar. She furthered her education at Iowa State Teacher and graduated with an elementary teaching degree. She taught first at Red School in Mahaska County for two years. She went on to teach grade school in Colo, Montezuma, and Knoxville as well.

Lois married H. Maurice Beaver, December 25, 1943, at her parent's home a mile west of Cedar. They farmed on the Beaver home place for five years before moving to Ames, Iowa, and attending Iowa State College. There she received a B.S. degree and lived for a short time in Cobin Home Management House. The Beaver's then moved to Adel, Iowa, where Maurice was Farm Bureau field man, and Lois taught second grade. After two years in 1951, they moved back to the home farm. Lois took more course work at the University of Iowa before teaching English and Home Economics in high school in Fremont, Iowa. Later, she did substitute teaching at Fremont, Eddyville, and Blakesburg.

In October 1953, Susan Kay and Margaret Ann "Midge" joined the family. Late, Susan died while swimming with the M.Y.F. group in Oskaloosa. On June 8, 1960, Michael Lee and Janice Marie joined Midge in the family circle.

Lois did all aspects of fieldwork on the farm. Everything from preparing the soil for spring planting to running the combine during corn and soybean harvest. Lois enjoyed 4-H starting as a youngster and continuing throughout most of her life. In 1936, she served as a Mahaska County Girl's 4-H President. After ten years as a 4-H leader, she was chairman of the Mahaska Girl's 4-H Club Committee. In 1955, she received the 4-H State Alumni Recognition Award at Ames, Iowa.

After moving back to the farm, Lois was active in church and community activities. Her skills learned in 4-H served her well in the offices she accepted in P.E.O Chapter I.O., King's Daughters, Mahaska County Family and Consumer Science Club, Church Credo Coterie Circle, the neighborhood 5:45 Club and several years on Friends of the Oskaloosa Public Library Committee. In 1985, Lois and Maurice left the farm and moved into their Terrace Drive home in Oskaloosa. She stayed in her home until August 2015, when she moved to Homestead Assisted Living, a place she truly loved. Those left to honor Lois' memory are her two daughters: Margaret "Midge" (George) Stonecipher of Youngsville, LA and Janice (Chris) Hoover of Oakland, MO; a son, Michael (Vanessa) Beaver of Phoenix, AZ; four grandchildren: Amy (Romy) Andaya of Carencro, LA, Todd (Carol) Stonecipher of Lafayette, LA, Phillip (Rachel) Stonecipher of Denver, CO, and Angela Glosser of Nevada, MO; two great-grandchildren: Bryce and Quinn Stonecipher; and a brother, Homer Ferguson of Oskaloosa.

In addition to her parents and her husband, H. Maurice Beaver, October 15, 2012; Lois was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Kay Beaver, August 4, 1968; and three brothers and their wives: Loel (Mary) Ferguson, Dr. Max (Berneice) Ferguson, and Gene (Frances) Ferguson.

Funeral services for Lois will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020, at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Bruce Wittern officiating. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing will be practiced at the church. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to P.E.O. Star

Scholarship.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central United Methodist Church
201 North Market ST
Oskaloosa, IA IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Beaver*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Lois Beaver is my grandmother--grams, as she liked to be called. I have so many fond memories of spending time with her. But, one of my favorite recurring memory is when grams and grandpa would drive down to Louisiana in their motorhome back in the 80s to visit during Christmas when I was a young boy. I would wake up at the crack of dawn to run out to the motorhome in the cool mornings, and they would let me jump into bed with them to snuggle, while I would talk about what we'd do that day. Grams was always a good listener for me. I miss her more than words can describe. -Phillip*

Phillip Stonecipher - May 27, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *She was a great friend. Special condolences to Midge*

Murielle Garner - May 15, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. She was a grand lady and always loved to visit about Cedar School days.*

Ila Ruby - May 14, 2020 at 06:12 PM



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Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM



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Shawn Langkamp - May 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ My thoughts and prayer go out to the family of Lois. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. She will be missed. JoAnn plate

joann plate - May 13, 2020 at 02:03 PM



Lois was a wonderful lady. We always enjoyed sitting behind them in church. Our sympathy to her family. Eloise and Stan Sloan

Eloise Sloan - May 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JL

“ *What a wonderful woman Lois was! Thoughts and prayers are with Lois’ family on their loss!*



Judy & Larry Lewis - May 12, 2020 at 08:44 PM

BA

“ *Such a lovely PEO sister! An honor and pleasure to know her. I didn't meet her until later in her life and what a busy and rewarding life she had. My condolences to her family.*

Becke Arnold - May 12, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LW

Lois was our neighbor across the street on Terrace Drive. She was the sweetest neighbor anyone could ask for; We loved her like our own. She was offering her assistance to us frequently. After Maurice's passing we tried to help her. Lois was the most intelligent lady I have ever known. Prayers for family. She will be missed.

*Linda
Winegar*

Linda Winegar - May 12, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SV

She was a very sweet lady. My mom and her went to the same church and were at Homestead at the same time. It was helpful knowing someone when they moved in. Prayers for the family.

Sandra Voss

Sandra Voss - May 13, 2020 at 05:04 PM

LP

She was my teacher at Fremont High. I learned a lot from her and enjoyed being in her class, especially the home economic class !!

Lorraine Van Polen - May 17, 2020 at 05:37 PM