



Lois Mae Galema

June 3, 1925 - February 2, 2023

Lois Mae Galema, 97, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 2, 2023, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she received loving care for over five years. She was born in Muskegon, Michigan, on June 3, 1925, the youngest of five children of Henry and Margaret DeWind. She grew up in Muskegon, attending Muskegon Christian School through grade 10 and Muskegon High School for grades 11 and 12. Before attending college, Lois taught for two years because there was a shortage of teachers. Lois graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1948, completing her course of study in 3 ½ years. She began her official teaching career in Grand Rapids and moved to Lafayette, Indiana, in 1950. She was one of the first teachers at the new Lafayette Christian School. She married Joseph Galema, Sr. of Lafayette, on March 29, 1952. Two weeks after their wedding, Joe left for a year of military service in Germany. Lois and Joe wrote to each other faithfully every day that he was gone. Upon Joe's return and discharge from the army, the couple lived in Lafayette and then West Lafayette, IN. Their union was blessed with three children, Joseph Jr., Sheryl, and Diane. Although she was primarily a wife, mother, and homemaker, Lois was also a substitute and part-time teacher for the Lafayette Christian School for many years. Lois and Joe were married for 34 years before he passed away unexpectedly in 1986.

Lois was an active member of the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church. She

taught the Ladies' Aid Society Bible lesson for 25 years. She was a blessing to the congregation in many ways behind the scenes--ordering flowers and serving at weddings and funerals. Lois moved to Vriendschap Village Retirement Community in Pella, Iowa, in 2007 and joined Pella Calvary CRC. In 2017 she moved to a care center in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to be even closer to Sheryl. She was dearly loved by the nurses and staff.

Music was an important part of Lois' life. Although she wasn't able to take piano lessons until she was 14, she progressed quickly and was the church organist at a small chapel for a time. Lois taught piano lessons off and on over the years until she was 80. Lois loved to knit and made many full-size afghans, baby blankets, dishcloths, and pillow covers. She also sewed numerous flannel baby quilts for her grandchildren, children of nieces and nephews, and for charitable Pro-Life organizations in Lafayette and Cary, Mississippi.

Lois was a precious gift of God. She loved her Saviour deeply and quietly served him. This was evident in her life. Often her children remarked on what a good example she was to them of growing old gracefully.

Those left to cherish her memory are:

Son, Joseph Galema, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colorado;

Daughter, Sheryl (Stephen) Stam of Oskaloosa, Iowa;

G.S., Philip (Laura) Stam,

G.G.C: Hannah, Luke, Elena

G.S. Joel (Dawn) Stam

G.G.C. Korben

G.D. Michelle Stam

G.S. John (Caroline) Stam

Daughter, Diane (Ed) Ritzema of Posen, Illinois;

G.S. Peter (Rachel) Ritzema,

G.G.C.: Jaxon, Emily

G.D. Susan (Bob) Thimons,

G.G.C. Leo

G.D. Lisa (Bob) VanLonkhuyzen

Many nieces and nephews

One sister-in-law, Violet DeWind

Lois was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joe, her parents, and her four siblings, Loren DeWind, Henry DeWind, Elsa van Reken, Marjean Borgerding, sister-in-law June DeWind, brothers-in-law Don van Reken and Elvie Borgerding, as well as several nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services for Lois will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2023, in Lafayette, Indiana, at the Hippensteel Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., before the service. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements in Oskaloosa. Burial will be in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to World Renew, the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church, or the Lafayette Christian School.

Cemetery Details

Tippecanoe Memory Gardens

1718 W 350 N, West Lafayette, IN 47906
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 9:30 AM (ET)

Hippensteel Funeral Home
822 N 9th Street
Lafayette, IN 47904
<http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hippensteel Funeral Home
822 N 9th St, Lafayette, IN 47904
Lafayette, AK 47904

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Mae Galema*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 05, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *Lois Mae Galema*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Lifting your family in prayer. My mother Bertha spoke highly of your mother Lois during those years when they both attended Calvary CRC. May your many memories bring a smile to your face and your heart.*

JoAnn Schut-Meade - February 13, 2023 at 11:51 PM



“ *Peggy and Bobbie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lois Mae Galema.*



Peggy and Bobbie - February 09, 2023 at 10:48 AM

KH

“ *Sheryl and family, I was in rehab at Crystal Heights, and I sat at your mother's table while I was there. I even had lunch with you when you came to have lunch with her. She was very nice. My room was close to hers and I could hear all of you singing with her. My condolences to you and your family.*

Kathy Harding

Kathy Harding - February 06, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SS

Thank you for the kind words, Kathy. We have good memories of the table fellowship on the rehab side.

Sheryl Stam - February 06, 2023 at 10:01 PM

EB

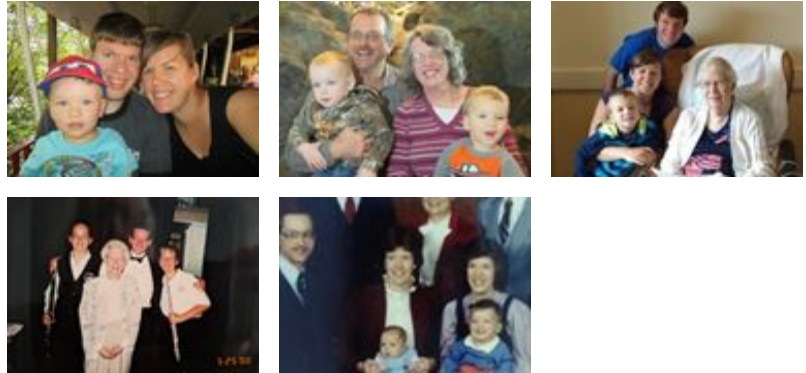
“ *Eric & Jessie (friends of Lisa & Bob) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lois Mae Galema.*



Eric & Jessie (friends of Lisa & Bob) - February 06, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ 132 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 05, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Vicki Barnett lit a candle in memory of Lois Mae Galema*



Vicki Barnett - February 05, 2023 at 11:12 AM



Thank you, Vicki, for all you did for Mom. It means so much to us!

Sheryl Stam - February 05, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Jane Sage lit a candle in memory of Lois Mae Galema*



Jane Sage - February 04, 2023 at 08:08 PM

SS

Thank you, Jane. You were a special part of her (and my) life!

Sheryl Stam - February 05, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JZ

“ *May God give you peace and comfort in the loss of your mother, grandmother & great grandmother.*



Jim & Christy Van Zee - February 04, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SS

Thank you for being a friend and faithfully sending her the bulletins!

Sheryl Stam - February 05, 2023 at 06:39 PM