



Lois Lorensen

August 26, 1946 - October 8, 2023

CEDAR FALLS – Lois Helen Lorensen, 77, died on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at her home.

She was born on August 26, 1946, in Cylinder, IA, the daughter of Elmer and Margaret Lillivik Johnson. She earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Northern Iowa. She and her husband, David, were active entrepreneurs in Cedar Falls. Most of their lives were spent owning and operating the Pizza House & Stein on College Hill. Through serving beer and pizza, they became part of a number of people's lives, and they appreciate it and have a number of fond memories of that time. They also owned Lorensen Construction, building a number of single and multi-family homes in Cedar Falls in the 1970s. Most recently they were owners of Frontier Ford in LaPorte City. In each business venture they worked as partners, each taking a share in the work to be done and she loved new challenges. She was also a member and former President both of the Cedar Valley Danes and the Sons of Norway.

Lois is survived by her husband; son, Rob Lorensen of Middleboro, MA; daughter, Lori Smith of Cedar Falls; grandsons, Marcus Smith of Cedar Rapids and Justice Smith of Cedar Falls; granddaughter, Lily Lorensen of Middleboro, MA; and brothers, Marvin Johnson of Fort Myers, FL, and Ron (Debbie) Johnson of Denver, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Nazareth Lutheran Church Chapel in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 20th at Keller Cemetery in Lovington, IL.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Funeral Service

OCT 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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7401 University Avenue
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Burial

OCT 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Keller Cemetery
CR 2000N
Lovington, IL 61937

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Lorensen.*



October 18, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Lorensen.*



October 16, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Lois Lorensen.*



October 15, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ *Hi Dave. I was sorry to see Lois in the obituaries today. I thought back to the days of the Pizza House. So long ago and yet sometimes it seems like yesterday. God bless you at this difficult time. Bob and Kay Roof*

Bob and Kay Roof - October 14, 2023 at 06:18 AM

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“ David, I am so sorry to hear of Lois' passing. May the loving arms of God comfort you and your family. Theresa

Theresa Shaw - October 12, 2023 at 09:58 PM

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“ Dave and family: prayers are being sent to you on the passing of Lois. many young folks were employed by your businesses Pizza House/Stein and made their way through school. I thank you both for talking me into running for city council which lasted 12 years! Lois will be at Peace when she knows you and your family are at Peace.

Tom Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - October 12, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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Thank you for sharing, Tom. On behalf of our family as well: we are grateful for the kind support of Lois and Dave for Jon during the years on so many levels!
Our prayers and peace to your beloved family,
Ronelle Crews and family.

Ronelle - October 12, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois Lorensen.



October 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM