



## Lois Wishmeyer

May 28, 1929 - July 9, 2024

Lois Landon Wishmeyer, age 95, of Cedar Falls, Iowa died July 9, 2024, at Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

Lois was born May 28, 1929, to Ralph and Minnie (Schnoor) Landon in State Center, Iowa. She graduated from LaMoille High School in 1947 where she was active in music and sports. Lois graduated from Iowa State Teachers College with her teaching certificate in elementary education in 1949 and taught in Sigourney and Independence.

She married Richard A Brown on June 7, 1953. After a year in California, they moved back to Independence, Iowa to take over Richard's father's construction business. Lois was a bookkeeper for his company for 8 years and was also secretary at the Junior High School. In 1962 she and Richard moved to Cedar Falls where he worked for UNI as a carpenter until his passing in 1975. She married W. Dean Wishmeyer in 1986, he preceded her in death in 2015.

Lois managed several rental properties in Cedar Falls. She worked a short time as secretary at the Lutheran Home and at Younkers before beginning employment at the UNI Library in 1977. She was employed in the circulation department of the library for 18 years, retiring in 1995.

Upon retirement, Lois and Dean traveled extensively in the US as well as Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and Hawaii. When traveling became difficult for Dean, they became active community volunteers. She was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Sartori Hospital Auxiliary, UNI Athletic Club, the association of Retired Americans, Friends of Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. Lois was among the first to join the usher group at Gallagher Bluedorn in 2000. Lois also enjoyed serving at Nazareth. At the Cedar Falls Visitors and Tourism Bureau, it gave her great pleasure to talk to people interested in moving to the Cedar Valley area and listening to their reason for visiting. She was chairperson of Medical Runners at Sartori Memorial Hospital and helped with the Sartori May breakfast and Festival of Trees for many years. She also volunteered at the Cedar Falls Community Theater and Western Home Communities and received several rewards for her volunteerism. Her family was very important to her, and she loved having them visit. The family reunion every 4th of July was one of the highlights of the year.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; three brothers, Keith, Max and LaVern Landon; and three sisters-in-law.

She is survived by two daughters, Sue Brown Beaupre of Cottage Grove, MN, and Barbara (Jon) Ford of Ft. Collins, CO; one son, Mark (Teresa) Brown of Gallatin, TN; three step-kids, Dr. Janet Rettenmaier of Springfield, MO, Jolynn Wishmeyer (Randy Terpstra) of Cedar Falls, Duane (Nancy) Wishmeyer of Highlands Ranch, CO; six grandsons, Brian (Sheri) Beaupre of Eagan, MN, Dustin (Lindsey) Beaupre of Rosemount, MN, Benjamin (Stella) Beaupre of San Diego, CA, Landon (Emiley), Alex and Carson Ford of CO; four step-kids, Leigh (Stuart) Rodrick and Keith (Erica Bast) Rettenmaier of MO, and Katherine and Jared Wishmeyer of CO; eight great grandchildren, Emelia, Eliza, Evan, Leonardo, Isabelle, Giovanni, Delilah and Beckett Beaupre.

Funeral services will be 10:30am Monday July 15, 2024, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 2-4pm Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, Iowa and also one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be in Waterloo Memorial Park in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the church, Friends of Gallagher Bluedorn PAC or Western Home Communities.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church  
7401 University Ave  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-5025  
(319) 266-7589

## Burial

JUL 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery  
3430 W 4th Street  
Waterloo, IA 50701  
(319) 232-4165

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Lois Wishmeyer service



Richardson Funeral Service - July 15, 2024 at 12:41 PM

BP

“ Lois was my first friend when we moved to Cedar Falls over 60 years ago. She was a great neighbor and friend, and co-parent of all the kids in the Seerly Park neighborhood when our kids were growing up. Our paths crossed often over the years and she always had a friendly greeting with a smile. I saw her just a couple of weeks ago at Deery Suites and was greeted with her friendly Hi Barb.

Barbara Pershing - July 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Wishmeyer.



July 12, 2024 at 07:47 PM

DA

“Lois thank you so much for years of dedication to Sartori Memorial Hospital and Festival of Trees. Sending our Deepest Sympathy. Prayers of comfort to her family.

*MercyOne Cedar Falls Foundation*

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**Darci** - July 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JP

“Lois was a treasure here at MercyOne Cedar Falls (formally Sartori Hospital). Her smile and giving spirit will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

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**Julie Paup** - July 12, 2024 at 11:16 AM

ML

“Lois was my husband's Aunt and I considered her to be a very special friend. I adored her and we spoke on the phone regularly. I will miss her so much and have such fond memories of her! My thoughts and prayers are with her wonderful family. My love to all of you! Marilyn Landon

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**Marilyn Landon** - July 11, 2024 at 02:21 PM

GG

“Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Lois was very dear to me and an incredible role model in my life. The love and care she provided to me throughout my whole life will be treasured. ~ Gloria

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**Gloria Guldager** - July 11, 2024 at 09:57 AM

DH

“ My condolences to the family, I knew Lois through Nazareth church, helping in the kitchen, Sartori Hospital & Gallagher, helping wherever she was needed. She had the most contagious smile, little giggle & was so fun to be around. She will be missed. Deb Hackman

Deb Hackman - July 10, 2024 at 06:19 PM

CF

“ City Auto Glass Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois G Wishmeyer.

City Auto Glass Family - July 10, 2024 at 06:09 PM

CF

“ City Auto Glass Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lois Wishmeyer.



City Auto Glass Family - July 10, 2024 at 06:09 PM

KW

“ I was an usher and floor captain with Lois and Dean at GBPAC. I also chair the Festival of Trees which Lois helped with. She always had a smile on her face and loved to visit. She will be missed. May memories Bring you comfort and may God grant you peace in the coming days. With deepest sympathy. Kerri Wilson

Kerri Wilson - July 10, 2024 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ I worked with Lois as an usher for Gallagher. She was always a joy to be around with her wonderful smile and wariness. She will definitely be missed.

Marilynn Stabenow - July 10, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MT

“ MG Trucking purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lois Wishmeyer.



MG Trucking - July 10, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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VB

“ Lois, you were a good friend for many years. I have so many memories of Lois, but perhaps the best was her smile and laughter. Her love of family and friends. Will miss you, my friend.



Vicki Bailey - July 10, 2024 at 09:55 AM

JF

“ Jason Watson & Steve Podratz Families  
purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the  
family of Lois Wishmeyer.



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**Jason Watson & Steve Podratz Families** - July 09, 2024 at  
06:53 PM