



Lois Stegink

April 28, 1927 - March 4, 2023

Lois (“Loie”) Mae (Volkers) Stegink, age 95, of Grand Rapids, joined members of her family and her Lord in heaven on Saturday, March 4, 2023. Lois was born in Holland, Michigan, to John and Anna (Smith) Volkers.

As a minister’s wife, Lois adapted to life in locations across the country: Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, suburban New Jersey and Detroit, Iowa’s pig farming country, the north woods of Michigan, and the plains of northwest Minnesota. At their first church in Rudyard, this city girl from Holland, Michigan cooked over a wood-fired iron stove and managed to entertain the church folks with delicious victuals.

If anyone lived the principle of “All Belong,” Lois did. It didn’t matter to her whether they thought or believed as she did; she welcomed everyone and anyone into her home and circle as a friend. Lois treated everyone with love, respect, kindness, and amazing food, which was served on a beautiful table with a centerpiece as simple as a flower in a glass.

She loved to play games – especially with her grandchildren – and loved to laugh that unmistakable Lois laugh that could be heard throughout the house. The jobs she chose as wife, homemaker, mother, and teacher brought out her deep care for everyone she was with. At the same time, she handled the logistics of all the roles and people involved with grace and her quick sense of humor.

Words can’t express how deeply her family appreciates the love and support she gave – selflessly – to make the lives of her children, grandchildren, and

great-grandchildren better.

Lois is survived by her children: Steven and Sally Stegink, of Grand Rapids, Thomas Stegink and Kathleen Griffin of Kalamazoo, Philip and Jill Stegink of Rockford, and Lisa Stegink and Michael Erickson of Chicago, IL; grandchildren: Amanda (Ryan) Ladewig, Christiana (David) Kroondyk, Ryan Griffin-Stegink and Ariel Ranieri, Rebecca (Ryan) Prohaska, Natalie (John) Sinclair, and Marjorie Erickson; great-grandchildren: Reed Ladewig, Addison Ladewig, and Aubrey Prohaska. Lois is also survived by many well-loved sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Martin Stegink, her parents, her granddaughter Anna Elizabeth Stegink, sister Gladys Beckman and brother-in-law William Beckman, brother Jay Volkens and sisters-in-law Sarah Volkens and Mildred Volkens.

A memorial service will be 12 noon Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Burial will take place prior to the service at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. A time for fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to All Belong Center for Inclusive Education (former CLC) www.allbelong.org.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *What a wonderful celebration of Lois's life at the funeral today. She was a special lady whom I met as a teen and kept in touch with for many years. We lost touch but when Otto and I moved to Holland Mi we again spent time together. What wonderful memories and prayers together. A funny story about Lois's intervention in our lives. Otto told Lois that he wanted to buy me a new car for my birthday. Being frugal I did not want him to do this. Lois told me to let him do it at the lunch table. A few days later, Lois called me to tell me that she really wanted me to let Otto buy the car. I did and many times when we went out for lunch in my car, we would that the only reason I had this nice car was because of her telling me to let Otto buy it for me.*

Thank you, family, for sharing your Mom with me. She often introduced me as her 2nd daughter.

Jan and Otto Buist

Janet M Buist - March 09, 2023 at 07:29 PM

LS

That's so sweet, Jan. Thank you for sharing the story of what our mom was like!

--Lisa

Lisa Stegink - March 13, 2023 at 11:38 AM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Remembering all the wonderful memories our families shared while your Dad was serving Lincoln Center. May you receive comfort knowing there are friends remembering you in our thoughts and prayers. Denny and Jane Dodd*

Denny and Jane Dodd - March 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM

TS

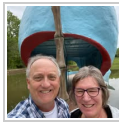
Nice to hear from you Denny. :) I think of you when I think of Iowa and how we used to do chores together while your folks were out of town. All the best, Tom

Tom Stegink - March 09, 2023 at 05:20 PM

MT

*“ My father, Bert, was a resident at Royal Park at the same time as Lois. She sat at his table. One of my favorite memories is her cards of encouragement when my mother fell and needed surgery. She was a beautiful person who brought light into a room. I extend my deepest sympathies to all of you. May God comfort you with joyful memories.
Michelle Tuinstra- West Lafayette, IN*

Michelle R Tuinstra - March 08, 2023 at 08:50 PM



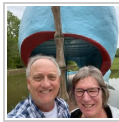
Thanks, Michelle.

Phil Stegink - March 13, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ May God provide comfort and grace at this time. I remember attending elementary school with Phil at Timothy Christian in Wellsburg, Iowa. Jon Bakker

Jon Bakker - March 08, 2023 at 12:42 PM



Thanks Jon. A good memory of many years ago. Best. ps

Phil Stegink - March 13, 2023 at 09:27 PM



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



March 08, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Took care of her at the Atrium. Such a beautiful, happy, smiling lady. Always thankful. God bless your family! 🙏*

Kathy Ann Smith - March 06, 2023 at 05:39 PM