



Lois J. Whitaker

June 20, 1940 - July 10, 2019

Lois J. Whitaker, 79, died from end stage Alzheimer's at her home in Leesburg, FL. She was born June 20, 1940 in Hornell, New York, the daughter of Karle H. and Helen Mae (Guild) Zeltwanger.

Lois graduated and was top of her Beauty School Class for cutting hair. After school she married Kenneth Whitaker and they settled in Leesburg, Florida. They celebrated 59 years of marriage on July 3rd. Lois loved music and loved to sing. Her first job as a Director of Music was at Fruitland Park Baptist Church. She sang for years on Channel 55. She traveled to teach and sing in the Phillipines. She sang with her dear friend in the largest church of the world in Korea. Lois was a loyal member of Women's Aglow International for over 30 years. She served on the board for 5 years and served as President for 9 years. Most people don't know that while visiting her sister in Palatka, Lois rescued a little girl from a kidnapper in the Walmart parking lot. She was presented the Medal of Honor as a Hero, by the City of Palatka.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Tom, and her sister, Chris. Surviving in addition to her husband, Kenneth Whitaker, are her daughter, Dawn (Pat) Kennedy of Leesburg; her son, Steve (Susan) Whitaker of Leesburg; two brothers, Don (Debby) Zeltwanger, Chuck (Joni) Zeltwanger; six grandchildren, Josh(Renee) Kennedy, Aaron Kennedy, Chrisy (Shawn) Sterner, Matt (Olivia) Whitaker, Kylar (Alexa) Whitaker, Shelly Whitaker; six great grandchildren, Avery, Olivia, Eleanor Lois, Haylee, Jennifer and Daniel and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held with viewing from 10-11 am, service at 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, July 20th at Heritage Community Church, 509 Berckman St., Fruitland Park, FL. Her interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Leesburg, FL. The family suggest memorials be made to Cornerstone Hospice. Arrangements by Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory in Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ Anyone that ever met Lois, felt like they had known her forever. She was a people person. She loved unconditionally. She laughed a laugh that made you laugh along with her. She was the bright light on any cloudy day. Her life was an open book that she didn't mind anyone reading. Her voice gave you chills to hear any song she sang... even a children's song was beautiful! God gave her a wonderful gift and she used it for his glory. When I was a teenager she lead a group of roudy, young kids to sing in a group that went from church to church to sing. She taught us all our parts and we obeyed her without her ever having to get angry or loud. Not sure how she pulled that off, but she did it. She gave more than she ever got but was happy and it showed. She showed her love for everyone not just said it. You knew when she walked into the room, you were going to get a laugh or a big smile that day. Lois was a beautiful woman inside and out. I am so thankful for all the years I got to know her. For the wonderful memories I have because God allowed her to be in my life. I am a better person because of her. To the family, she will always be in your hearts and minds... forget any and all sad or bad times and just hang on to the memories of love she gave us all. Hugs to each of you.

Marjorie McDonald - July 21, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Much gratitude and love to Lois's family for such a special tribute and celebration of her life today. Lois and I shared many special times in Women's Aglow and Tuesday bible studies. She made you and yours feel like family. She was strong in the Lord and was ready to share her faith anytime anywhere. Our times together strengthened and encouraged me and others. She shared of an opportunity that she declined because "she" thought she should loose weight first. The opportunity passed. I am still learning from her don't limit yourself from opportunities because of your own limiting perceptions. God's thoughts and ways are higher wanting us to be available for Him to show Himself big through for His purposes and glory. Thank You Lois for all you brought to my life and God richly bless this family to keep The SON shining brightly conforming each of us to be more like You Lord. My love and prayers. Beth Elliott

Beth Elliott - July 20, 2019 at 11:49 PM

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“ I met Lois as a teenager. She was the music director for our youth group at Westside Church. Her laughter, joy and leadership kept a large group of teenagers following her and travelling over Florida sharing the songs she taught us. Her love for all of us was evident so that we gladly obeyed and learned the songs. Personally over the years as I grew up, she became friend also. I will miss her hugs and smiles but most of all that open heart filled with Jesus' love. God give all her family peace and comfort during this time.

Molly McKinley - July 16, 2019 at 10:21 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy for the family. That beautiful voice will be heard in the choir of angels

Jeanne Sullivan - July 13, 2019 at 05:57 AM

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“ I remember her beautiful singing voice, but most of I remember her laughter. She and I used to laugh together ❤️

Judith Herron Avera - July 12, 2019 at 02:51 PM