



Lois Hoelker

May 27, 1929 - September 29, 2022

Lois Hoelker, 93 of Carroll and formerly of Sioux City, died Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, November 18, 2022 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Following the funeral service, please join the family for refreshments in the Sharp Center.

Burial will be a later date in Calvary Cemetery in Sioux City.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Lois' family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Lois Hoelker was born in Elkton SD on May 27, 1929 the daughter of Sam and Rose (Simoni) Saccony.

She grew up in Sioux city, IA graduating from Central High School. She joined the Navy after high school and became a dental hygienist there. While on leave she met her future husband Merritt. She married him in 1951 in Charleston, South Carolina where she was stationed. They made their home in Sioux City, IA.

Lois loved gardening and was a Master Gardener from the state of Illinois. For

many years she was a volunteer at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. She excelled in cooking and loved playing pinochle. Her favorite love was her family.

Lois is survived by her sister Mary Ann O'Toole of Albuquerque, daughters, Paula Yates of Exira and Rita (Bob) Vonnahme of Carroll, grandchildren Tiffany Danhof of San Antonio, John (Shana) Yates of Grinnell, Sam (Jenny) Yates of Sioux City, Sarah (Brandon) Bradshaw of Sioux City, Matt (Ginny) Sanem of Manning, and Joe (Amanda) Sanem of Sioux City. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merritt, sons Matthew and Joseph, son-in-law Dan Sanem, brother Mike Saccony, sisters Therese Murphy and Fran Paulos.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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“ *The Paulos Cousins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lois Hoelker.*



The Paulos Cousins - October 16, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ I'M A TERRIBLE COOK!

I was still with the Brothers at the time and was in Sioux City visiting relatives - which included the Hoelkers, of course. Aunt Lois invited us over for a Rigatoni Supper, and not long before we were ready to eat, she announced that she'd forgotten something at the store. "Come on, Dan," she said, "Come with me." No one thought that that was strange. So off we went, and as we were approaching an A&W Drive Up, she pulled in and parked. She swiftly turned toward me and said, "I'm a terrible cook, so you and I are going to have their famous breaded Chicken Fried Steak sandwich." I looked at her and began to laugh hysterically. "But we're just about ready to eat." Then she laughed too, and said, "No, no, no. We're eating here. It's my favorite place." So she ordered, we ate, and then returned to the Hoelker home. But before we exited the car, she made me promise that I wouldn't say anything before the meal. I promised. My mom, (Lois' sister), asked where the groceries were. "Oh," she answered, "We decided just to spend the time visiting." We all sat down and everyone enjoyed her Rigatoni. I took a small portion and agreed with the guests at the table, that Lois' cooking was fabulous! Later, when our family got back home, I told them about the A&W treat. I'd never had Chicken Fried Steak, and Lois was right - it was absolutely delicious. But so was her meal. It made her feel good to treat me to her favorite fast food - and it made me feel good to share the story of our outing after we'd gotten home. One thing about visiting Lois was, we always laughed. She made sure of that. She had a way of making everyone feel happier when they parted than before they arrived. "Lois, may your journey to Paradise be swift, and may your mansion be pleasing to you who lived such a beautiful life. I am so happy that you were my aunt! Amen."

Dan Paulos - October 16, 2022 at 06:39 AM