



Lois Katharine Forner

February 17, 1932 - October 25, 2020

Our Mother's hands were seldom idle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN for Lois Katharine Forner, age 88, who died October 25, 2020 at Assumption Home in Cold Spring. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery. Those attending the service must maintain social distancing and wear a mask. For those unable to attend the service, it will be live streamed at www.christcatholic.com.

A visitation will begin around 9:30 AM in the church narthex.

When she was born on February 17, 1932 in Cold Spring, MN, her parents, Joseph and Anna (Wolkerstorfer) Svihel, gave her the name Louise Katharine. However, when she was baptized a few days later, the priest misspoke her given name and from that moment onward she was called Lois. She spent her childhood and young adult years frolicking in Cold Spring. There, she met Raymond Forner, the love of her life, and the two of them ventured to San Francisco, CA where they were married on January 18, 1953. Soon after their marriage, they moved back to Minnesota, settling in the Rockville area where they raised their family in an old house along the Sauk River. Lois loved children and her career became one of being the best mother, grandmother and great grandmother she could possibly be. She was a phenomenal cook

and baker as was especially experienced at Christmas time when she baked so many varieties of cookies that one easily lost count--her date balls being our favorite. She was a crafty woman who for over 40 years made sure that she made a Christmas ornament for every member of her family. What started out as just a few increased to close to 70 as her family expanded. She loved to knit and every Christmas, after spending an entire year knitting; mittens, scarves, socks, washcloths and all kinds of other great things, she would set her box of creations in the middle of the floor and thoroughly enjoy watching her family choose items made by her loving hands. Lois was active in her Catholic faith as was evident is her dedication to her Christian Mother's group and her activism in right to life issues. In her later years, Lois, along with Ray, moved to northern Minnesota for several years where they fished the lakes to their heart's content—she knew how to throw a proper fish fry! When fishing became more work than fun, Lois and Ray moved back to the Cold Spring area where they lived out their remaining years.

Lois is survived by her children, John (Mary), Steve, Mike (Ann), David (Penny), Patty (Jeff) Knapek, Don (Lauren), Mary (Jim) O'Rourke, Rita (Peter) Schulte, Wendy (Dave) Skluzacek, Tim, and Amy (Ben) Thomas; 19 grandchildren, Laura (Cody) Page, Katie (Thomas) Nielson, Becki (Matt) Baker, Karlyn (Tim) Hambourger, Chad Forner (Amber Manders), Brittany (Jeff) Renier, Kayley (Parker) Foltz, Shiloh Forner, Benjamin O'Rourke, Daniel O'Rourke, Aaron (Breann) Schulte, Adam (Kayla) Schulte, David Schulte, Brian (Caitlin) Skluzacek, Tracy (Emi) Martin, Christopher (Mackenzie Tapp) Skluzacek, Nicholas Skluzacek, Ryan Thomas and Logan Thomas; 15 great grandchildren, Cody, Chevelle, Elias, Isabella, Hanna, Anika, Henry, Betsy, Meera, Ray, Lee, Avery, Stella, Lily and a great grandson due in November; her brother Lloyd Svihel; and her sister-in-law Adeline Svihel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 61 years, Ray; her sisters Margie Vouk and Irene Svihel; her brothers, Joseph Svihel and Frank

Svihel; her brother-in-law John Vouk; and her sisters-in-law LuAnn Svihel-Fleischhacker and Ruthie Svihel.

The family would like to thank Assumption Community and St Croix Hospice for their compassionate care of Lois.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Katharine Forner*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *To the family and St.Boniface church many of us far but this virtual service to honor your mom and my aunt Lois was beautiful. Even though I could not be there I felt included by father through his attention to the camera. I also was able to see my Dad, brother Bob and Sister Melissa so I felt near. The mass was a celebration of her life father Matt hit in all just right with his words of her. I love you all Lori Svihel Wirtzfeld.*



Lori Wirtzfeld - November 17, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *The Forner cousins I want to send my sincere sympathies for the loss of your Mom. I remember when Lois and some of you would come to our house in the city for a morning of play. I remember mom Ruth and Lois having coffee while we played. Your mom was always very protective of all of you as she was constantly up looking out the window. I remember all those Christmas ornaments she would fill your tree up with. During this pandemic the one thing we have to hang onto is our memories of the good old days. I will be with you virtually watching her service and please accept my love and virtual hugs. Love Lori Svihel Wirtzfeld.*

Lori Wirtzfeld - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album PowerPoint Video



David Schulte - November 05, 2020 at 07:59 PM

LW

This was a beautiful tribute to aunt Lois. She may have had 11 kids but we need to remember once a new baby came Her brother Lloyd's kids and his beloved late wife Ruth would relocate. The Lloyd Svihel kids joined the cousins and family grew while Ruth cared for everyone. Thanks Lois for all your kindness love and miss you Lori Svihel.

Lori Wirtzfeld - November 14, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JS

*Awesome video, Great tribute to Aunt Lois. Our sympathy.
Jerry and Lorraine Svihel*

Jerry Svihel - November 17, 2020 at 10:31 AM

FA

“ Fr. Tom Andert lit a candle in memory of Lois
Katharine Forner



Fr. Tom Andert - October 27, 2020 at 08:23 PM

FA

Dear Lois was certainly a favorite long time resident of Assumption Community and dearly loved by all who knew her. It was always a pleasure to visit her and pray with her. Sympathies and Blessings to all the family, and may Lois now rest in peace. Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom Andert - October 27, 2020 at 08:26 PM