



## Lois Mae Lundemo

November 22, 1926 - March 17, 2023

Lois M. (Ley) Lundemo was surrounded by family as she passed peacefully at her home March 17th, at the age of 96, following a worsening of aortic stenosis.

Lois resided in Watkins, MN from her birth in 1926 until she moved to St. Paul for nurses training at the College of St. Catherine. After marrying John Lundemo in July 1948, they settled in Elk River, MN. She worked as a nurse at Anoka State Hospital until she returned to school at the University of Minnesota, receiving her Bachelors in Public Health Nursing in 1964. She was the first school nurse in the Elk River school district, where she worked from 1964 until 1981 when she retired to care for her mother. She proudly co-authored "Goals of School Nursing in Minnesota" in 1974.

Themes of Lois' life were faith, service, and creativity, and the three often intertwined. Notable projects include redoing the padding on the kneelers at St. Andrews Catholic Church and sewing garments for the deacon, stoles for the church choir, and baptismal immersion robes. She was chosen as a Stephens Minister. In 1997, she began beading rosaries and completed over 4,000 by the time she 'retired' the project in 2007.

Lois volunteered at the Bloodmobile for over 40 years, organized the first March of Dimes in Elk River, was part of Sherburne County Mental Health Organization, and held various board member positions with the Legion Auxiliary, United Way, MN Council of Catholic Women, Christian Mothers

Society, Sherburne County Cancer Society, and was an active member of the D.F.L. She received numerous awards for service, including the Paul Harris Fellowship award from Rotary International in 1997. She learned DOS and Lotus 1-2-3, and she and John kept the books for the American Legion in Elk River for close to 20 years.

Lois sewed over 1,000 quilts for family, friends, and charity, and put together nearly that many puzzles. We are certain she saw every possible combination of Freecell deals. She was an avid theater goer and she and John loved to travel, including a honeymoon in Lake Louise, seeing both US coasts by 1965, and a trip to Europe. Music filled her life, whether she was singing, playing the piano or violin, or listening to 'the golden oldies'.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents Norbert and Kelly Ley; brother Roland Ley; and daughter Rose (Lundemo) Bixenman. Missing her dearly are her son, Luke (Charlotte) Lundemo; daughter, Mary (Marv) Handt; grandchildren Tao (Persephone) Lundolos, Amy (Jeremy) Ahern, Maya (Chris) Weilundemo Ott, Claire (Kevin) Freking, Kevin (Carly) Handt, and Steven (Vanessa Forsman) Handt; great grandchildren Milo and Adelaide Lundolos, Garrett and Maxwell Ahern, Logan, Hunter and Dylan Freking, and Jude and Hero Weilundemo Ott; sisters Cleo Holmin and Rita Kinsella; and countless nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Visitation will be Friday, March 24th at 10:00am at St. Edward's Catholic Church, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. A luncheon will follow. Interment will take place at the Church of St. Anthony in Watkins at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church  
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55437

## Church Service

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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