



Lois (Hoffman) Curry

December 3, 1936 - December 25, 2012

Obituary for Lois Ann (Hoffman) Curry December 3, 1936 – December 25, 2012

If you didn't know Lois, you really missed out. She was a loving, compassionate, spiritual, fun loving person; a woman who faced tragedy and serious illness with more courage and resilience than many of us could ever muster. She was a treasure to all who knew her.

The fourth of five children, Lois Ann (Hoffman) Curry was born on December 3, 1936 to Clarence and Irene (Bredael) Hoffman, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. At the young age of thirteen, she chose to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes, an apostolic teaching/nursing convent community, located in Fond du lac, Wisconsin. She always cherished and kept connected to the many lifelong friends she gained from that experience.

As Sister Antholine, and then as a lay person, Lois received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education from Marian College in Fond du lac. She spent an amazing forty-five years as a teacher, and often as principal, in elementary schools in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and New Mexico. Lois had fond memories of those years, and could regale us with delightful stories for hours. She was most appreciative of the distinguished service award she received while teaching in New Mexico.

After leaving the convent in the early 1970s, Lois married her soulmate, George Rodgers Curry, on June 25, 1977 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. They reared their son, Ian, and remained married for twenty-two years, until George

passed in 1999.

Lois enjoyed traveling, whether it was driving cross-country with Ian, from Roswell, for a visit “back home” to Wisconsin, or hopping a boat on the Yangtze River in China; or whether it was flying to Samoa with a friend, or exploring a dirt road to wherever near Santa Fe. She loved to sew, read and play Scrabble. She really came alive while on the negotiating team for the Roswell school district.

Lois is survived by her son, Ian George Curry, grandson, Rowan Clarence Curry, and Rowan's mother, Bridget Cleary, all of Albuquerque, NM; a step-daughter, Kasey Curry (David) Baker, and their children, Tristan, Marc, and Jalen, Sacramento, CA. Surviving siblings are Robert Hoffman, Manitowoc, WI; Donald (Barbara) Hoffmann, Cedarburg, WI; Kathleen Hoffman Grall, Manitowoc, WI; and Michael Hoffman (Carrol Townsend), Sarasota, FL. Lois is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

In one of her journals, she wrote, “In 2002, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, then in 2006, bone cancer. I was given two years to live, and here I am, still kicking in 2012.” Lois stated later, “My utmost thanks go to the legions of people who helped me on my last journey.” Many friends volunteered, making meals, cleaning, taking her to clinic appointments, on vacations, changing dressings, and offering many other precious gifts of service. She loved bringing people together. “It invigorates me to see my family and friends meeting each other.”

Recently, in her last months, Lois commented, “I have led a most beautiful life.” Now it is time for her crossover journey to meet her Lord, and loved ones who have gone on before her. Bon Voyage to a loving mom and Gramma Goat, cherished sister and auntie, and dear, dear friend.

The family is being served by the Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home, Roswell, New Mexico. A rosary will be held at 9:10 am followed with a memorial mass at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Assumption Catholic Church, 2808 N. Kentucky Avenue , Roswell, New Mexico.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online

register book at andersonbethany.com Services are under the direction of
Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

LD

“*Ian, It is with great sadness that I learn of your mother's passing. She was a fine women and enjoyed being her colleague both at Sunset Elementary and All Saints when she shared her expertise in Art. We had hard times and good times and she always treated me with respect. We also had many fun times together playing bingo together after my husband passed away. When I moved to Hobbs three years ago I lost touch with her I lost with her, yet she was never far from my thoughts and prayers. I know she is without pain now and is organizing the children for yet another entertaining lesson.*”

Lisa Dollahon - May 02, 2013 at 06:54 PM

CD

“*Kathleen, I was sorry to learn about Lois' passing away on Xmas. She left csa just 2 years after me. Since you and I were classmates at St. Mark's we shared a common interest. I visited with Lois several years ago at the Motherhouse. She left us a special Christmas gift to all who knew her with her beautiful smile and generous heart. Peace to you and your family! Cathy (Copeskey) Dawson*”

Cathy Dawson - January 07, 2013 at 06:48 PM

SM

“*My deepest condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Lois at Monterrey Elementary for 5 years. She was an amazing teacher! She left her mark on this world with her kindness and love of people. Heaven has added another beautiful angel.*”

Sally A. Mendez - January 06, 2013 at 01:31 PM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear of Lois's passing. I had the pleasure to know Lois for a number of years. A truly wonderful and special lady.

John Jerge - January 04, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ Ian, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I have been thinking and praying for both her and you often. Your mom will be missed. I have great memories of our childhood together. I pray you find comfort in knowing she is with our Lord. You and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Sheila

Sheila Hagen (Scheriff) - January 01, 2013 at 11:04 PM

MG

“ Lois did indeed live a beautiful life. Though it was my get pleasure to know her toward the end of that life, it was obvious to all the she brought blessing to all she met. She left this life in grace and love and she will find grace and love multiplied with her Father in heaven.

Martha Gugino - December 31, 2012 at 07:37 PM

KG

“ I have many great memories of Lois. From good times at Aunt Leona's cottage in Door County to the many stories told by my mom (Lucille) about their Christmas in July parties with Aunt Irene, Kathleen, Lois and more relatives and the funny gifts they would give each other, mostly old and used, and the hours of pure fun and laughter. She always had a smile on her face and a good word to say about everyone. What a great lady she was. She will missed by all.

Love You. Cousin Kathy

Kathy (Neville) George - December 30, 2012 at 09:44 PM

AP

“ *My sincere condolences to Ian and family during this time of sorrow, may your special memories help you to cope with the loss of Lois. At John 5:28, 29 God has promised that there will be a future "resurrection" back to life. Jesus said, "do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."*

Angie Perry - December 30, 2012 at 05:42 PM

DT

“ *Our lives have been enriched by knowing Lois for 32 amazing years and being able to share some of the wonders of the world together. Such loving and true friendships are rare and we will remain forever grateful for the times we spent together with Lois, even to the end of her physical presence. Her spiritual presence will always be with us as we continue our own earthly journey.*

Dr. and Mrs. Paul T. Turner - December 30, 2012 at 01:16 PM

DJ

“ *Ian and family
Please accept our condolences.
Lois was a great cousin. Lucille was my mom so they all will have a great time now being together
Doug janssen*

Doug Janssen - December 30, 2012 at 12:48 PM

BH

“ *To our dear Lois, a wonderful sister and sister-in-law, who made our lives better by being a part of them. Rest in peace, you're finally out of your pain. Love to Ian, your mom is*

BOBBIE AND DON HOFFMANN - December 29, 2012 at 09:02 PM

MH

“ Aunt Lois you brought joy to many, it is a pleasure having you as part of the family and you will be missed greatly. Love you. Ian I wish you wonderful memories of that fine woman you called mom and strength to go forward in your life raising your beautiful son.

Margaret Hoffmann - December 28, 2012 at 04:56 PM

JS

“ Love, love, love our Lois!

Jennifer Stone - December 28, 2012 at 03:57 PM

DH

“ Aunt Lois memories... when I was young, visiting her at the convent, dressed in those wild habits; her mother telling stories of the nuns visiting a family cottage on Green Bay and them wearing street clothes, against the rules; having her show me around Santa Fe, introducing me to Native American jewelry and Matthew Fox; and the stories of her trip to Samoa, a lifelong dream, and how a chief had to rescue her and carry her in his boat. Amazing life.

Deb Hoffmann - December 28, 2012 at 02:28 PM