



## Iola Mae Light

February 27, 2024

Iola, daughter of Albert C. and Matilda (Kahle) Schulte, was born on April 22, 1930 and grew up on her family's farm in Norway, Iowa with her 5 siblings: Emily, Genevieve, Marilyn, Albert J, and James. She met the love of her life, Dennis James Light, while in elementary school, was voted Norway's Sweet Corn Queen in the summer of 1947, and graduated from Norway High School in 1948.

On December 29, 1952, Iola married Dennis James Light at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Norway, Iowa. The couple moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1953, where they had two children, Bradley Perry Light and Denise Ann Light. They eventually settled in Longmont, Colorado in 1964. In 1983 they moved to Enumclaw, Washington, returning to Colorado in 1998 to enjoy their retirement years in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Iola worked at Collins Radio Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa from 1948-1952, where she assembled radio components and served as a parts inspector. After moving to Longmont, Colorado, Iola worked as an Avon Lady selling door-to-door Avon products. In the early 1970s, she began working for Longmont Newcomer Welcome Service, providing local information and coupons to people who moved into the area. Her proudest professional achievement was creating her own business called Evergreen Welcome Service, the first of its type in Enumclaw, Washington, where she welcomed

new residents to the area until 1998. lola loved to socialize and make everyone she met feel welcomed as reflected in her career.

lola's true passions were baking, cooking, and entertaining her neighbors and friends. She hosted many memorable dinners, parties, and get-togethers over the years. She loved music, dancing, and seeing everyone having fun. Keeping in touch with her many relatives and friends was very important to her. She maintained these long-term relationships by calling them until her final months. Faith was also a cornerstone of her life. She was a devout Catholic and active member in the local Catholic churches where she lived.

lola was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be remembered as a kind, energetic, and life-loving person. lola brought love and light into the lives of everyone she met. She will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

lola is survived by her son Brad (Mollie Wright) Light, daughter Denise (Ken) Sumikawa; grandchildren Kris (Jessica) Sumikawa and Nik (Justine Manalastas) Sumikawa; and great-grandchildren Ava Sumikawa and Max Sumikawa; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

lola was preceded in death by her husband Dennis Light; her parents Albert and Matilda Schulte; and siblings Emily Zenisek, Genevieve Pieper, Marilyn Wodstrchill, Albert J. Schulte, and James Schulte.

A Recitation of the Rosary will be held on March 17, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Collins. A Memorial Mass and Reception will be held on March 18, 2024 10:00 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Final burial will take place at St. Michael Cemetery in Norway, Iowa.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Pathways Hospice for their loving care of lola.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.goesfuneralcare.com](http://www.goesfuneralcare.com). Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Previous Events

## Vigil and Rosary

MAR 17. 4:00 PM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
5450 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
seas@seas-parish.org  
<http://seas-parish.org/>

## Memorial Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
5450 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
seas@seas-parish.org  
<http://seas-parish.org/>

## Memorial Mass

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael Catholic Church  
512 Evergreen St  
Norway, IA 52318

## Interment

MAY 3 (CT)

St. Michael Catholic Cemetery  
7670 29th Ave  
Norway, IA 52318

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *lola was a neighbor when I lived in Southridge. She was a wonderful person with an infectious laugh. She loved to throw a party, especially when Denise was coming. I will always remember her parties and the Red Solo Cup song. "Let's have a party". She loved her family, friends and church. I am grateful I had the opportunity to know lola, and cherish many wonderful memories. She will be missed. Jean Petrilli*

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**Jean Petrilli** - March 18, 2024 at 02:24 PM

KC

“ *lola was one of my mom's neighbors. Throughout the past several years my mom and lola became very dear to one another. My mom would take lola's mail to her daily and when I was able I would go with her for her daily visits. I grew to love and cherish lola. She was great support for mom when my dad passed. One of my fondest memories of lola is when I took, she, my mom and Eddy around town to view Christmas lights! I brought Santa hats for the ladies, hot chocolate and lots of oos and awe's! She was such a joy to be around and will be missed dearly!*

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**Kim Cribari** - March 15, 2024 at 06:40 PM

CB

“ *lola Mae Light loved by family and many friends. She carried me through my breast cancer treatment, passing of my husband and much more. She shared with me her love for Dennis and her entire family. I feel like I know everyone well. It was a pleasure to meet Nik and talk about his incredible grandmother and how he painted the picture of Dennis that brought lola much joy right up to the end of her life.*

*A touching moment after she flew to the heavens was when a CNA messaged me condolences and added that she became so attached to lola and if God gave her a daughter she would name her lola. Just one of the multitude of stories about my friend lola. Thank you Denise and Brad for sharing your mom with me. Healing Hugs, Carol Bracekeen*

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**Carol Bracekeen** - March 05, 2024 at 11:41 AM

PS

“ *My Aunt lola was a true inspiration to me and I admired her all my life. I will always have fond memories of her! I am presently living in Panama and will get my retirement visa shortly. lola was a role model for me as I probably would have had the nerve to leave Norway, Iowa if not for her.*

*Yours,  
Paul Schulte*

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**Paul Schulte** - March 05, 2024 at 09:11 AM