



Lois Mahoney

December 22, 2023

Lois Alberta Mahoney, age 91 of Ft Collins, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Lois was born in Peabody, KS to Louis and Laura Highfill. She grew up in Russell, KS with siblings, Colleen, Butch and Joan. Lois met Bill Mahoney while working as a carhop in Russell, KS. They two immediately fell in love and were married in Russell, KS on August. 2, 1950. The couple celebrated 73 years in August of 2023.

Lois and Bill spent the first years of their marriage in Kansas but fell in love with Colorado when visiting the state for their honeymoon. Lois and Bill moved to Ft. Collins in 1962. Ft. Collins is where they planted their roots.

Lois was an accomplished Youth Bowling Instructor for several years. She later worked as a paraprofessional in the Poudre R1 School District which led to her love of teaching. Lois graduated, with honors, from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley with a Bachelor of Education degree at the age of 40.

Lois taught in several Ft. Collins Elementary schools and helped open both Shepherdson and Werner.

She enjoyed teaching 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes. It was not uncommon

for past students to visit her at school or even stop by her home to say hello.

During retirement, Lois and Bill traveled extensively to Europe, Iceland, Ireland, Hawaii and Alaska, to name a few highlights. The couple enjoyed the snowbird life by spending several winter months a year in Green Valley, AZ.

Lois and Bill loved spending time at their mountain cabin watching wildlife, hiking or sitting on the cabin deck enjoying the beauty.

She is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Mahoney, Ft. Collins; children, Theresa (Teri) Walker, husband Rex, Ault, CO, Patrick (Pat) Mahoney, wife Anne of Colton, WA, and Laura Whitmore, husband Troy of Brighton, CO; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and sister, Joan Mestemacher, Union, MO.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Parish in Ft. Collins. Interment immediately following at Grandview Cemetery in Ft. Collins. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Better People Care, PO Box 270425, Ft. Collins, CO 80525 or by following the link provided: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/betterpeoplecare>

Their knowledge, respect, support, and friendship have been and will continue to be invaluable.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers. A kind and caring soul. Truly a gem in her profession.*

Alan Bates - January 05, 2024 at 05:06 AM

DP

“ *I am sorry to learn of the passing of Lois. I had the privilege of being a colleague with Lois at Shepardson Elementary. She was an inspiration with her bubbly personality, her faith, and her love of life. My condolences to Bill and family.*

Diana Parker - January 01, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Remember her as a very energetic person. My folks were always so pleased to see them. Becky Anschutz Keil*

Rebecca Keil - December 31, 2023 at 02:20 PM

PB

“ *Lois was a dear member of the group that opened Shepardson Elementary in 1978. She hosted our first staff Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange which gave us laughs for a lifetime. Lois and Bill were neighbors on our morning walk as well and never missed greeting us with a smile and a "have a good day". We all moved to other areas but the message can still be heard.*

Patty Bell - December 31, 2023 at 09:13 AM

JM

“Lois Mahoney, Bertie, was the name I gave my sister when I was 4 years old. I was 4 when she married Bill and she always was like a second Mother to me. All my memories of this sweet sister are good memories. She always showed me love. I remember when she married Bill and I had to wear a hat and got in trouble for yelling out in church where is Bill. I will miss our phone calls and giggles about silly things only her and I thought funny. I will miss the love she always showed me. I will see Bertie later in our home in heaven.

Joan Mestemacher - December 30, 2023 at 03:21 PM