



Lois Ann Walls

August 22, 1936 - April 6, 2024

Lois Ann McGuire Walls, age 87, passed away unexpectedly on April 6, 2024 at Tidal Health Hospital in Salisbury, MD. Although she would have preferred to transition from this life in her favorite nightgown and robe, with a novel in her lap, while sipping a strawberry milkshake and watching hummingbirds, she did receive devoted attention in her final earthly moments from her medically-trained daughter, along with children and grandchildren who are talented singers and whose spiritual beliefs guided Lois to join our Lord, her ancestors, her predeceased husband Edward Lee Walls, Sr (2011) and her beloved family pets (Ruby, Honey, and Lily) to somewhere over the rainbow.

Lois' life was the culmination of being a true Eastern Shore daughter, having been born to Albert McGuire, whose Northern Irish Roots hailed from Maguire's Bridge, Ireland and Helen Coppage, a Church Hill family traced back nine generations to the first land grant in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Lois was able to travel to Ireland with her youngest son and later for a month with her second daughter to visit the lands of her ancestors, dip her toes into Galway Bay, and giggle, until she nearly peed her pants, at the way local taxi cab drivers shouted cuss words with a thick Irish accent.

Her childhood back yard was the entire town of Wye Mills, where she and her brother Billy skated on the Mill Pond, had picnics in the massive shade of the Wye Oak Tree, drank from the secret Wye Mill underground spring, and went

sledding on car hoods. She loved this tiny town so much that she made sure her own children had plenty of opportunities to experience wholesome activities such as Ms. Dulin's Sunday School Classes, cashing in glass bottles for candy at Fowler's store, and winning prizes at the fishing derbies.

She graduated from Centreville High School with the closeknit Class of 54', with whom she treasured friendships for a lifetime and volunteered with their Alumni Association. Her husband of 57 years, Ed Walls, met her in second grade, kissed way better than her other suitor, Leroy Calvin Fishpaw, and then married her on Christmas Day when they both were 18. Lois supplemented her husband's income over the years with jobs that included telephone operator in Easton, Chesapeake College receptionist/Central Duplicating Clerk, Teacher's Aid at Kennard School in Centreville, and an assistant upholsterer for her mother's small furniture covering business in Wye Mills. Lois also found time to serve as volunteer Treasurer for her husband's "Ed Walls for Sheriff" campaigns, the PTA and as Den Mother for a Centreville Cub Scout Group in the early 1970's. She was also quick to donate money for all the missing Girl Scout cookies unaccounted for during her daughters' Girl Scout Troop fundraisers.

Her husband was a career military officer and multi-talented "larger than life" bluegrass musician, with both professions requiring the detailed maintenance and tailoring of uniforms by Lois, especially in the later years. Lois traveled aboard the Queen Mary to France in 1955 to meet her then new husband, recently deployed there by the U.S. Army. While on that voyage she tried her first and only cigarette and a mixed drink and hated both. The young couple's first child, Julia Ann, (Hank) was born in Angouleme, France in 1956. Later, the family traveled to Germany while Ed was stationed there for 3 years in the early 1960's. Julie's birth was followed by the birth of four more children, Linda, Eddie, Mike (Sue), and Chris (Karen), all Eastern Shore born up through 1966. Lois loved children and was blessed with 10 grandchildren:

Mika (Donnie), Lindsay (David), Nick, Lucas (Michelle), Sammy, Elizabeth, Olivia, Drake, Matilda, who predeceased Lois in 1997, and Claire, along with 4 Great Grandchildren (Roxy, Lachland, Margot, and Freya). After living in Armed Services-related communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, The Walls Family settled near Centreville in 1968, where Lois remained in the family “ass-state” until September of 2023. Lois was a mom who welcomed all the neighborhood kids to her yard and home, and considered her children’s school age best friends such as Martha, Jean, Mimi, Dorinda, Robbie, Barty, Denny, Jaimie, Jay, Tommy, Alex, and Steve, as bona fide extensions of her offspring, required to follow the same behavior expectations while visiting as her own children.

Nieces and Nephews were dear to Lois and often in tow and included Kathy (Ronnie), Billy (Geri), Roy (Amy), Brenda, and Gary. The Ervin and MacGlashan children were also part of the Walls family and Lois would not hesitate to “snap them up” to teach a life lesson if the occasion called for it. She blended her practical child-rearing wisdom with tenderness as evidenced by surprise servings of home-made hot chocolate for all the Centreville kids who showed up to play ice hockey on the neighboring shallow frozen field pond, spending hours on her sewing machine to craft the latest fashions for her daughters, or baking cupcakes with a two-hour notice for homeroom classrooms or her children’s ball teams.

Lois loved to cook and enjoyed baking pies to thank local farmers for plowing her driveway after snowstorms. In fact, a competition to be the first to plow often ensued, perhaps to win the coveted Lois Walls apple, custard, or meringue pie. She was also famous for her post-goose hunting breakfast spreads, especially her mouth-watering pancakes, which were served to General Randy House and General “Stormin Norman” Schwarzkopf and many other hungry goose hunters in Lois’ Kitchen. Her grandchildren especially

loved her Macaroni & Cheese and her husband would shake uncontrollably in anticipation of her fried chicken.

After her children left home to follow their dreams and start their families, Lois' wanderlust was unleashed. She traveled on adventurous camping trips with her daughters to Florida, New England, Disney World, Epcot, and Nova Scotia. When sleeping in tents and pick up truck campers become too uncomfortable, Lois transitioned to Bed & Breakfast hotels, or cruise ships on trips that included New Orleans, Nashville, College Station, Memphis, the Caribbean, Ireland, the Grand Canyon, Calvert County, Ocean City, Cape May, Canada, Alaska, Western Maryland, Texas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maine, and West Virginia. She once visited Graceland, but wasn't a big Elvis fan, so she only stopped there to use the restroom.

Most importantly, in addition to being a mom, Lois was a soldier's wife. She raised five children alone while her husband was deployed to three tours of Viet Nam, two tours of Korea, and various other assignments. She was a patriot and shared the potential ultimate sacrifice for her country with her husband, without uttering one complaint - out loud.

She loved to read fiction best sellers and was a five-decade weekly patron of the Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Library. In later years she became a loyal PBS fan and enjoyed watching the follicly-UNchallenged men portrayed in Poldark and Downton Abbey (her husband was proudly bald). Lois had three best friends at the time of her passing, Peggy Quimby, Carolyn MacGlashan, Heather Reece, and her beloved friend, Stacy Williamson. She was also predeceased in 1982 by her uplifting dear friend Karlyn Sears Caporin, who operated a sewing supply shop in Centreville.

Lois' family welcomes loved ones to share in the celebration of her life on Saturday, April 13 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in

Centreville. Visitation will be held from 11:00am – 12:00pm, with a Service at 12:00pm. A time of fellowship will follow at the funeral home. A private interment ceremony next to her husband's remains at the Veteran's Cemetery near Hurlock will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that guests consider donating to the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library, the Wye Mills Methodist Church, or Friends of the Wye Mill. The family invites family and friends who attend the Celebration of Life to write a short (half page) letter of tribute to Lois, which may be read publicly (time permitting) at the service or by the family after the private burial.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Funeral Service

APR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Ann Walls*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 11, 2024 at 12:12 PM

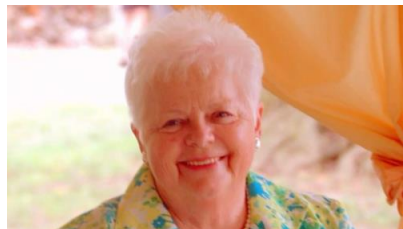
JL

Oh, Linda, I can barely find the words. It was an honor to walk through your Mom's stages of life portrayed in this tribute. Hers was truly a life well-lived. She served her time on this earth in a loving, honorable manner exemplifying grace. She is now reunited with her beloved Ed. Thank you for sharing this. ❤️

Jane LaBrie - April 11, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lois Ann Walls*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Robert Pratt lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls*



Robert Pratt - April 12, 2024 at 11:05 PM



To the Walls Family, I offer my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy on the passing of your beloved Mom. As a teenager, I recall the warmth, kindness, and hospitality your Mom generously shared with us, "Crompton Boys." She will be dearly missed and greatly celebrated for living a life "well lived." Peace, Love, and Marvelous Memories of Your Magnificent Mom, God bless, Robert Pratt

Robert Pratt - April 12, 2024 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ *Ms. Walls Was A Great Lady And A Customer Of Mine For A Few Years. She Was So Gracious And Sweet As My Own Mother! I Went To School With Julie But Well Wishes To The Entire Family!*

Marion Chance - April 12, 2024 at 08:06 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls*



Maryann Ruehrmund - April 12, 2024 at 04:35 PM

MR

Linda and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and hugs are wrapped around all of you.

Maryann Ruehrmund - April 12, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your families lose. Such a warm, friendly woman whenever we would meet. Hope you all are doing as well as can be expected and God Bless to the family. Julian Lee Clark



Julian Lee Clark - April 11, 2024 at 06:15 PM

KB

“ Donna and I are so very sorry to hear of Lois's passing. We meet Lois, Ed over 26 years ago when we became neighbors. She had such an infectious smile accompanied by a calm disposition that will be missed. Many fond memories of crab feasts, dinners and lunches all served effortlessly! I can still taste the soft shell crabs and her oyster stew. My favorite memory is when her daughter would call me Lois's boyfriend... Lois would giggle and that always make me smile. Our prayers are with the family, Donna & Kurt

Kurt Babe - April 11, 2024 at 12:22 PM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Ann Walls



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - April 11, 2024 at 12:19 PM

GC

To the family...Ms. Lois was a lovely lady who many respected. She loved her family and friends. Would always see her drive by our house on Hope Road. Would blow her horn and wave. Our prayer are with you at this time and she will be missed in the Community. God bless all at and know others are thinking of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - April 11, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MR

*“ To my second mom who always told me I was like one of her own! Great times were spent over the years with the Walls family. My love and sympathy to you all.
Mimi (Bud) and family*

Mimi Spencer Roe - April 11, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls



June Clark - April 11, 2024 at 10:10 AM

TG

“ Tracey and Gary purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lois Ann Walls.



Tracey and Gary - April 11, 2024 at 07:35 AM

TG

“ Tracey and Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Ann Walls.

Tracey and Gary - April 11, 2024 at 07:35 AM

SD

“ Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls



sara jane davidson - April 10, 2024 at 07:58 PM

SD

Very sorry to hear this. Condolences to the walls family!

sara jane davidson - April 10, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TS

“ To the Walls family.....we are sorry to hear of Mrs Lois passing. Your tribute to her is awesome and shows what a full and loving life she had. May your many memories help you when you think of her. Billy and Terri Schelhouse

Terri Schelhouse - April 10, 2024 at 09:38 AM

RP

“ Rachel Phillips lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls



Rachel Phillips - April 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Walls.*



April 09, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *Love, Cllaire, Owen and family. xoxo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Ann Walls.*

Love, Cllaire, Owen and family. xoxo - April 09, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful woman! I have fond memories of Ms. Lois. May her family be comforted as they celebrate a well lived life*

Jane Anthony - April 09, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all of the Walls family. I remember going to their house when living in Wye Mills and playing with Julie and Linda. Your Mom & Dad were such sweet people and always loved having kids over. I remember your Dad playing his many instruments (quite the talented family). Such a legacy to leave to so many. Sending prayers to each of you. Penny (Kuntz) Trice*



Penny Trice - April 09, 2024 at 06:15 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Ann Walls*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 09, 2024 at 02:32 PM

JE

We are so sorry for your loss. Lois was a beautiful lady inside and out. Sincere condolences to all her family. sincerely Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 09, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SW

“ *Hugs & prayers to you all. She was such a beautiful soul and a big part of my childhood and our family. I have so many fond memories of the music, fun and the laughs we all shared. I'm sure her & Mr. Eddie are rejoicing in Heaven.*

Shelley Williams - April 09, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Walls.*



April 09, 2024 at 12:45 PM

YF

“ Your Erickson Senior Living SM&C Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Ann Walls.

Your Erickson Senior Living SM&C Family - April 09, 2024 at 12:45 PM

ED

“ Condolences to the family. Your mother leaves a beautiful legacy for you to cherish. Heaven has gained an angel. God bless.

Elaine Shorts Dell - April 09, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Walls.



April 09, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ Joseph A Mullikin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Ann Walls.

Joseph A Mullikin - April 09, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ Lois (and Ed) were neighbors with the Mullikin's for many years. Occasionally I would stop by and we were always in "complete agreement" with how to remedy (Political/Economic/etc/etc) conditions that we were seeing at any given time. I miss those times. She was truly a special Lady.

Joe & Linda Mullikin - April 09, 2024 at 09:38 AM

TT

“ So sorry for your loss of a true treasure. Mrs.Walls was one of the nicest, most welcoming lady I have known. She made everyone feel like family even if you weren't. My thoughts and prayers to all.

Tricia Tolson - April 09, 2024 at 06:59 AM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls



Marilyn Ford - April 08, 2024 at 10:23 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear this news of "Aunt Lois's" passing.I know you have a lot of wonderful memories to ease the pain.

Peggy Tull Clough - April 08, 2024 at 09:38 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Walls



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - April 08, 2024 at 08:21 PM