



R. Lois Hinkle

December 24, 1928 - August 2, 2023

R. Lois (Gregory) Hinkle,

On Wednesday, August 2, 2023, Lois Hinkle, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away at the age of 94 in New Palestine, IN. Lois was a gracious, generous, fun-loving, sassy, fierce spitfire. This lady had spunk. She hated her first name so much that if you dared to use it, she'd give you heck, so we're not using it here. Lois was thoroughly supportive of her beloved family and friends, always present at family events, occasions, and celebrations. She never left her immaculate house without wearing lipstick; she was stylish, loved her bling, and took great pride in her appearance. A top priority was her weekly hair appointment. And she was fun, laughed easily and often, and enjoyed being surrounded by the people and dogs she loved.

Lois was born on Christmas Eve, 1928 in a tiny house without electricity or running water in the hills and hollers outside of London, KY, to Hugh and Stella Gregory. Her youth coincided with the Great Depression, during which her family lived in abject poverty. Lois was determined to have more out of life. On June 16, 1948, she married WWII Navy veteran Herbert J. Hinkle, who would be her husband for over 70 years. The young couple moved to Indianapolis, IN, got jobs, and together, step-by-step, raised themselves out of poverty and into prosperity. In 1953, they had their cherished daughter, Kathy. After many years of service, Lois retired from Western Electric, and the couple moved to New Palestine, IN, where they happily lived out their lives.

Lois may have been diminutive, but she was mighty. She taught us all to aim high and never, ever give up on our dreams. Above all, she loved her family. She was active in their lives and oh, how she beamed with pride when her granddaughter was the first in her family to graduate from college and later when her grandson graduated from law school.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband (d. 2019); parents; and brother, Kenny Gregory. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy and son-in-law, Richard I. Pohlman, Jr.; her grandchildren, Shannon (Brett) Lakes and Richard I. (Ingrid) Pohlman III; her great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Mia, Luisa, and Jesse; her nephews, Chris, Jeff and Martin Gregory; her niece, Stephanie (Gregory) Palmquist; and her grand dogs, Finn and Tucker.

On her behalf, the family would like to thank the wonderful staff and patrons of the local McDonalds whose cheerfulness and friendship added so much fun and companionship to Lois and her husband for so many years.

Lois' was a life well lived. She loved her close-knit, boisterous, fun-loving family and friends and was loved and cherished in return. Although dementia robbed her of her final two years, she had been blessed with many good years filled with wonderful memories. She will be greatly missed. We are so glad she is now at peace and reunited with her beloved husband.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 11, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, with funeral services there Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *R. Lois Hinkle*.



August 10, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *R. Lois Hinkle*.



August 10, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *R. Lois Hinkle*.



August 07, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *R. Lois Hinkle*.



August 07, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of R. Lois Hinkle.



August 04, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ Lois' house in New Pal had white (light cream?) carpet that never got dirty. How is that possible?! I was afraid to walk on it, certain that some fleck of gook would accidentally shake loose and Lois would make me clean it up. Ha!

From ages 11 – 18, I spent half my life at the Hinkle home. Lois treated us to Charlie Chips and coke, let Kathy and me be our goofy, giggly, chatty, awkward, inventive, noisy selves, and made sure we stuck to the rules and curfews she set. It was a challenge to get any devious behavior past her (and oh, how we tried - including you in this, Rick!). Although she could be strict, fortunately for us, she had a great sense of humor and was always quick to laugh. Lois was a MOM and she so loved her daughter and husband, and later, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We bonded over shortness, and while Lois may have been tiny in stature, she was big in heart and personality. Lois was an original and an inspiration, living her life on her terms. She will be missed. Lucky us that we got a good big dose of her for so many years.

Hugs to her beloved family.

Ann Wilson

Ann Wilson - August 04, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of R. Lois Hinkle.*



August 04, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *We will remember how gracious and fun Lois was whenever we were around her. Her love for her family was always evident in our exchanges. Her smile and love of life were contagious.*

Our prayers and thoughts are with her family at this time.

Tony & Judy Schommer

Tony and Judy Schommer - August 03, 2023 at 05:42 PM