



Lois L. Niswonger

June 30, 2012

Lois L. Niswonger, 84, of Cape Girardeau passed away Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis Mo. Lois was born on July 21, 1927, at Marble Hill, Mo. to Connel Bryan Welch and Mabel Eugenia Luckey Welch. On June 15, 1947, Lois and Lloyd T. Niswonger were married at Grace Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. Lois was a graduate of Cape Central High School. Lois was employed as a clerk for 28 years with Metropolitan Life Insurance and retired to become a full time grandmother in 1988. Lois was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Women at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau where she also enjoyed being a member of Food Fun and Fellowship and Thursday Luncheon. Lois volunteered as a Cub Scout leader and was a member of a traveling bowling league. In recent years she enjoyed playing dominos with her good friends. Lois is survived by her husband; a son, Michael Niswonger of Cape Girardeau; a daughter Amy (Kevin) Cain of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Bryan Welch of Tazewell TN; a sister-in-law, Lorene Welch of Cape Girardeau; a sister-in-law, Carlyn Welch of Cullman AL; two grandchildren Justin (Carrie) Cain of Cape Girardeau and Rachel (Zack) Long of Cape Girardeau; one great grandson Zander of Cape Girardeau and eagerly awaiting the birth of twin great-grandchildren in November. Lois was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday July 5, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. The funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday July

6, 2012 at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, officiated by Rev. Tom Sullenger and Rev. Jerry Statler. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the United Methodist Women at Grace United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

“ Batman & Robin - The Lone Ranger & Tonto - Mickey and Minnie Mouse ♦ Lucille Ball & Desi Arnez ♦ Romeo and Juliet - Adam and Eve - Mary and Joseph Two as they say are better than one. No man is an island, thus, he needs a partner ♦ a romantic mate, the other half or whatever you would like to call it. Some of these duos I mentioned I am sure bring back childhood memories of super hero♦s coming to save the day, a love struck couple destined for each other or in the case of Mary and Joseph servants of God whose purpose was to give birth to the savior of the world. Today I♦d like to add another famous duo to that list, two who have played the role of super heroes and role models in my life and I am sure in many others ♦Lloyd and Lois♦. Though we are here to celebrate the life of my Aunt Lois it is hard to celebrate just one part of a duo such as Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lois. Two hearts meant to beat as one, two individuals who I am sure were made by God to be together. Not just a plan 65 years ago but one God put into action on July 21, 1927 when Aunt Lois was born. Two individuals sent into this world to help others and make the light shine a little brighter in those who were fortunate to cross their paths. I mention super hero♦s because that is one of the roles they played in my life, or maybe I should say guardian angels sent by God to protect and guide me in so many subtle ways. Matthew 25 reads: ♦ Then the King will say to those on his right, ♦ Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ♦ ♦ Then the righteous will answer him, ♦ Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? ♦ ♦ The King will reply, ♦ I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. ♦ I was one of the least of these, a few times in my life I have been without a place to live and Uncle

Lloyd and Aunt Lois gave me a place to stay, I was hungry and thirsty and they gave me food and drink. There was a time that I had no hope and they gave me hope, and because of this I am able to stand here before you today. I know if it was not for them I would have been in a different place today, the result of heading down a different and darker path. Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lois provided me with love and care and asked for nothing in return, even when I did not understand and did not do as I should they loved me. I could give specifics of the many things Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lois have done but the stories are endless. Each of these times they showed that they truly cared about me and I didn't know why, I just didn't get it at that time. They knew of my shortcomings and mistakes but never condemned me, I really just couldn't understand. Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lois are my Balcony People. For those of you who don't know what Balcony People are let me explain. Balcony People are those who stand in the balcony of your life, watching you run your race, and cheering you on. They believe in you. They are realistic about your failings and your shortcomings, but they have a vision for what God made you to be. Their words breathe life and encouragement into you. When you win, they cheer as if they had won themselves. They go crazy with you when you win and they're sad with you when you're sad. Balcony People say to you: ♦ You can do it. ♦ ♦ Don't give up. ♦ ♦ Don't quit. ♦ When Balcony People tell you they're prayi

Bill Welch - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ May the peace of God surround you during this difficult time

Linda LeMay - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Lloyd, Very sorry to hear about your wife. Condolences from me and my family. Jerry Cooper

Jerry G. Cooper - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lloyd and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lois was a good friend to me when we lived next door years ago. I know she is in a "Good Place" and we will all be reunited down the line. Regards, Anne*

Anne Denman - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM