



## Lois L. Woodford

December 1, 1932 - February 2, 2019

Lois Leming Woodford died Saturday February 2nd at her home with her daughters and sons in law by her side. She was born December 1, 1932 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Thelma Coleman and Merit Elmer (Em) Leming Jr. On that day she was entered into the “Cradle Roll” of her lifelong church, Centenary Methodist in Cape Girardeau.

She grew up in Cape Girardeau and lived there nearly her entire life. She was gregarious, funny and loving and loved to have fun and ensure that everyone else did too!

Lois and her two brothers and sister, “Ruth Gene, Buddy, Lois and Paul” as they are referred to lived first at the corner of Boulevard and Whitener before moving to 740 North Street “The House” when Lois was 13 years old. Em had bought the big house on North Street as a birthday present for his wife! From that time on-and certainly before-the family spent time entertaining, having parties and of course going to church at Centenary.

She attended Franklin School and graduated from Louis J. Schultz High School. During her high school years she spent tons of time with her close friends who named themselves “The Sacred Eight and A Half”! She was a cheerleader and loved to dance and spend time with her friends and family.

Lois and Luise Montgomery Scarlett met when they were five and six years old. They were best friends for 80 years and got together frequently with the Sacred Eight and a Half and other friends. Luise passed away January 28, 2018. Lois' words to Luise at her celebration of Life per Skype were "I love you Luise and am so happy for you now. I will miss you and wonder who will tell me what to do when I have a decision to make"!

While cheering for the Cape Central Tigers at Houck Field House during the College High Christmas Tournament she met Charlie Weber who she later married. Lois told her children that Charlie was lying across a Coke cooler in his SEMO letter jacket selling sodas as part of the football team duties-and that he was the most handsome man she had ever seen! They married on November 29, 1952 in Lawton, Oklahoma where Charlie was stationed in the Army. Lois and Charlie had two daughters, Kathy (David) Bertrand and Jan (Dave) Rigdon both of Cape Girardeau.

She attended Southeast Missouri State College where she was chosen Football Homecoming Queen. Her lifelong mission and dream was to be a wife and mother and she fulfilled those dreams in a special way, bringing fun, chocolate pie and fudge to all she met. Lois often said that some of her happiest days were spent at 1635 Luce Street in Cape when "the girls" were growing up with their friends at the house swimming, playing penny poker, eating chocolate and drinking "Tab".

Lois was a wife, mother and homemaker for most of her life, again doing what she did best-caring for others and bringing the funk to the party. She worked as a secretary at Jefferson Elementary School for several years once the girls were in grade school for one of her mother's best friends, Lyda Gibbs, the first female principal in Cape.

During the late 60's and 70's Lois worked at the Jaycee Golf Course which

was leased to Charlie and Lois “running the Club House”. She loved visiting with the golfers and getting to know all of their stories-but was not a fan of getting up too early!

In 1972, the “Lay Witness Mission” was brought to Centenary Church. Lois and other special women founded a prayer group-known to her girls as “The Prayer Group”! These faithful women prayed together every Wednesday morning for 42 years and made a difference in the lives of so many.

In 1978 Lois married Charles “Woody” Emory Woodford, known as “the Colonel”. Lois met Woody at “Parents Without Partners”. They were married at Centenary-of course-on the first birthday of their first grandchild, Arkadia Delay Boos.

Lois and Woody had a wonderful married life for 28 years until his death in 2007. They did everything together from volunteering for the American Legion, working together to bring the Moving Vietnam Wall to Cape and petitioning the state of Missouri to recognize the mule as the state animal. Woody always said that it was not his effort which caused the approval of the mule but the fact that “Lois sang My Sweetheart’s a Mule in the Mine” over the microphone to the legislators in Jefferson City!

Over the course of her lifetime, she was known as a true prayer warrior, a great dancer and her great batches of fudge which were often eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Lois and Charles’ marriage brought together her two daughters and “Woody’s” five children: Paul (Donna) Woodford “My Son Paul”, Susan Ginther, Mary (Dennis) Honrud of Montana, Cecelia (John) Boos of Cape, Charlene “Charles Bear” (Larry) Biester of Jackson. Together they have 21 grandchildren, Gregory (Beth) Woodford, Polly Woodford, Cindy Higginson,

Michele (Matthew) Koch, Gwendolyn Honrud, Kimberly (Matt) Schribner, Dawn (Sean) Cook, Arkadia (Josh) Olson, Jacqueline (David) Weidenbenner, Steven Boos, Raymond Boos, Justin (Jessica) Biester, Lana Koeppel, Laura (Bret) McDowell, Joshua (Kyla) Biester, Adam Bertrand, Benjamin (Tara Allee) Bertrand, Jennifer Goncher, Megan Goncher, Emily (Esteban) Rodriguez and Elizabeth (Kelly) LeNeave; and multiple great-grandchildren. Lois “Granny” and Woody “Grampa” and “Grampa Woody” enriched the lives of their grandchildren with flashlight tag in the big back yard, Chinese checkers, catching fireflies, barbeques, dinners, American Legion Christmas parties and more.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Charlie Weber; second husband, Charles E. (Woody) Woodford; and a step-daughter, Sue Ginther.

While Lois will be missed deeply by her family and friends, everyone who knew her knows that she is “Sitting in the Lap of the Lord”. She often said to her best friend of 80 years when they talked every night on the phone “I love you and may God sleep on your pillow”. That is what she wanted for all of those she knew and those she didn’t know. Her advice for all of us when times were tough or there was a decision to make was “Just pray about it Honey”.

Visitation will be held 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the church with Rev. Dave Conley officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Centenary United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N Ellis St  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-5524  
(573) 334-2869

## Service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Jan and Cathy,  
I remember when mom piled all of us in the car and drove us to cape to visit and spend the night with aunt lois. Mom wrecked the car getting off the highway to go in to cape. Mom eventually took a bus home if i remember right and left myself, john and the cousins with aunt lois a d uncle charlie. I cried on the couch all night from missing mom but lois was there with me the whole time. The next day we got to go to the golf course and ride the golf carts a d all was well. Ill always remember lois as a heartwarming , loving aunt.. i am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Jane Fitzgerald - February 12, 2019 at 09:56 PM

PH

“ *Jan & Kathy, Mike informed me of your mother's death. While reading her obit I had to smile & laugh. I remember her so well. So thankful she is with our Lord Jesus and what a prayer warrior she was. The Leming's and Weber's were a very special part of my life many years ago. I remember some wonderful times in your grandparent's home on North.  
So sorry for your loss. Prayers & hugs. Pam Uhls Herrmann Victoria TX*

Pam Herrmann - February 09, 2019 at 10:50 PM

DC

“ *Kathy, what a beautiful tribute to your mother. We are very sorry for your loss. Please know you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*



David & Debbie Cato - February 07, 2019 at 03:50 PM

LK

“ Dear Kathy and Jan,  
A beautiful tribute , honoring dear Lois. She truly was an incredible prayer warrior for so so many. Our church family and so many outside of Centenary were beneficiaries of her love for our Lord and heartfelt kindness for others. I still have a note she wrote to my mother who was still living in Michigan. She told her that while she'd never met her, she knew me and had received prayer concerns for her. I can't tell you how much it meant to her and to me. Regrettably we could not be there this morning to honor her life with all of you. Circumstances prevented it, but Frank and I are deeply sorry and will miss her kind face, sweet smile and ever welcoming voice. We are all comforted by the rewards which are surely hers for eternity and hope that your family will find comfort, and peace, inspired by the deep faith which she nurtured so well in herself and in others throughout her wonderful life.  
Our deepest condolences along with our greatest admiration for a life well lived.  
Fondly,  
Frank and Lori Ann

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**lori Ann Kinder** - February 06, 2019 at 01:16 PM

BH

“ Kathy and Jan, You and all of Lois's family have my deepest sympathy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Your former babysitter is thinking of you.

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**Barbara Hess** - February 06, 2019 at 12:21 AM

YC

“ *Your friends at New Vision Counseling purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lois L. Woodford.*



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**Your friends at New Vision Counseling** - February 05, 2019 at 05:38 PM

CT

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. I'll tell you one you may not remember....when our parents played bridge together they would always take turns hosting. The most important hostess was Lois because she ALWAYS made chocolate cream pie. One year she decided that she had made pie EVERY year and it was old and boring. She made something else rich with chocolate to which my Dad replied, "Lois, don't you ever do that again, when I come to your house I expect chocolate cream pie." You had to know my Dad. My heart hurts thinking of the loss of this incredible lady but I would be remiss if I didn't add I am a better person because of her influence in my life.*

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**Cathy Tenkhoff** - February 05, 2019 at 04:43 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry about this sad news! Lois and I spent a lot of time teasing Bud Leming while he was president of Semo alumni Association! I send my sympathy to all!*

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**Jane Stacy** - February 05, 2019 at 03:18 PM

FS

“ *FROM KENT AND BARBARA SUMMERS purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Lois L. Woodford.*



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**FROM KENT AND BARBARA SUMMERS** - February 05, 2019  
at 01:17 PM

JT

“ *Jeff and Donna Tucker purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lois L. Woodford.*



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**Jeff and Donna Tucker** - February 05, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Lois L. Woodford.*



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February 05, 2019 at 10:09 AM

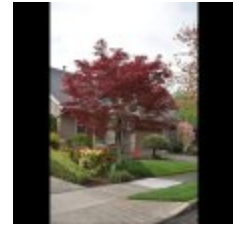
LL

“ My deepest sympathies for the earthly loss of God's wonderful child Lois. Lois was a dear woman of prayer, but also volunteered as a member of the Missouri Veterans Home Foundation Board. She did not like mornings and when the president of the board announced an early morning time, Lois came to the meeting in PJ's and a robe. She was delightful, beautiful and had a smile for everyone. Now, she is celebrating perfect healing in heaven with her Lord & Savior. God's strength and encouragement for those who miss her which I do. Thanks for entering my life.

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**Lori Launhardt** - February 05, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Lois L. Woodford.



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February 05, 2019 at 07:57 AM

DM

“ Dana & Sherry Montgomery purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lois L. Woodford.



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**Dana & Sherry Montgomery** - February 04, 2019 at 08:16 PM

CW

“ Lois was a joy to be around. Her little black travel books had the best stories!!! I will miss our phone calls! Cheryl Woodford-Rich

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**Cheryl Woodford-Rich** - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois L. Woodford.*



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February 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Pam Doran lit a candle in memory of Lois L. Woodford*



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**Pam Doran** - February 04, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *The picture says it all. She was a beautiful person both inside and out. I so enjoyed knowing Lois. She welcomed me to Cape Girardeau and into her family with so much generosity of spirit. She is a loss of sunshine and goodness to all who knew her.*  
*Sly*

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**Sylvia Moore** - February 04, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Pamela Froemsdorf lit a candle in memory of Lois L. Woodford*



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**pamela froemsdorf** - February 04, 2019 at 08:52 AM