



## Lois Marie Steigerwalt

October 7, 1939 - August 19, 2019

Lois Marie Steigerwalt, 79, of Raleigh, NC passed away peacefully early Monday morning August 19, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

Lois was born October 7, 1939 in Boone, Iowa. She was one of 12 children born to the late George Samuel Morris and Thelma Helen Morgan. After her high school graduation, she was employed as a secretary at Iowa State University. During this time she met George Franklin Steigerwalt Jr. Lois and George were married on June 12th 1959. They started out their married lives by moving to Hyde Park, NY where George began his career working at IBM. Just 9 months and 12 days later they started their family and by 1965 they added four children to the family. Family was extremely important and they spent many Christmases and summer vacations traveling back to Iowa to spend time with their much loved families in Glidden and Boone, where games of "dirty dominos" were played and dishes of ice cream with PDQ were freely given. When they weren't going to Iowa they would visit family in upstate New York and Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Lois and George were very instrumental in the start and growth of Hyde Park Community Church that started out in their family room in their home on Roosevelt Road. Lois enjoyed singing in the church choir and had a lovely alto singing voice. They also enjoyed bowling and were part of a league. As their family grew they enjoyed the addition of grandchildren and after they retired they relocated to North Carolina. They became involved in the local church and the turtle patrol on Holden Beach. Holden Beach became a favorite place for the family to visit. Lois loved watching the pelicans fly up the beach and back in the evening. They stayed busy and enjoyed making beautiful gifts for Christmas gifts each year (which are still cherished to this day). Lois loved to knit and made sure to knit a blanket for each of her children, and then for each of her grandchildren. She was a lefty and taught each of her granddaughters how to knit. She loved watching football and especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports. Whenever the family gathered she would make "THE BEST" potato soup (there was never enough) and they always had to play cards and that usually went late into the night. Puzzles were also a favorite (jigsaw and word search). It was a special treat and it made her very happy whenever she went to

get a manicure.

Lois had always enjoyed Nascar racing and cheering on her favorite drivers the Earnhardts. She also enjoyed bird watching and sitting on her porch watching the hummingbirds fight over the nectar. People-watching was another activity she enjoyed. Lois loved the visits with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois missed her mother all her years and had this quote on her Facebook page "From my mom Thelma Morris, This too will pass. Thanks mom, I know several of us use that phrase. love you mom Lois" We will all miss her terribly just as she missed her mother. She was so sweet and everyone who met her, loved her. Lois had the nicest smile, so think of something about her that will make you smile and carry on her legacy.

She was predeceased by her husband just shy of their 50 year wedding anniversary George Franklin Steigerwalt Jr. in 2009 and her son James Lee in 1962. She was also predeceased by her siblings George Walter Morris, John Dean Morris, Lora Mae Ward, Warren Gene Morris, and David William Morris.

She is survived by her children: Leah and Husband Jeffrey Bernard of Hyde Park, NY, Christine VanNorstrand of Raleigh, NC, Kimberly Steigerwalt of Raleigh, NC, and George and wife Janet Steigerwalt of Raleigh, NC; 8 grandchildren: Renee and Husband Joseph Padilla, Jennifer, Andrea and Husband Michael Paonessa, Annette and Husband Daniel Paonessa, Jonathan, Brian, Jacob, & Amy; great grandchildren are: Raeya, Alexandra, and Greyson (and Luca is on the way).

She is also survived by siblings: Paul Morris of Ft. Smith, AR, Philip and his wife Betty Morris of Sheldahl, IA, Jo Ann Martin of Boone, IA, Gale and his wife Judy Morris of Dayton, OH, Helen and her husband Robert Farr of Ames, IA, and Marilyn Moravetz, of Houston, Texas.; so many nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and multiple friends. I wish we could list them all.

The family of Lois would like to thank the staff at WakeMed Raleigh Campus for the compassion they showed to our sweet mother during this time.

Calling hours will be at Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home, 609 7th Street, Boone, IA. Friday, August 30, 2019 at 1:00pm followed by a celebration of life memorial service starting at 2:00pm. Interment will follow at Boone Memorial Gardens, Boone, IA.

Online condolences may be left at [www.schroederfuneral.com](http://www.schroederfuneral.com).

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home

515-432-4550

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation with family** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home (Boone)  
609 7th Street PO Box 116, Boone, IA, US, 50036

**AUG** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ From Flint & Nancy Jane Pellett and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lois Marie Steigerwalt.



From Flint & Nancy Jane Pellett and family - August 28, 2019 at 11:24 PM

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“ For some reason last week I was thinking about Lois, wondering where she was living now, about her health and her family. After all she was my "child sitter" because I was too old to need a babysitter. She knew all the Bible stories and could tell them without reading the book. I had one sister and one brother so I was always amazed that she could remember all of hers. God bless her in her new journey.

Our sympathy to her family,  
Mary (Keeney) and Lowell Diersen



Mary Diersen - August 28, 2019 at 11:08 AM

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“ Always had a smile and warm, wonderful hugs. Such a beautiful lady and we all love her dearly. Thank you for the wonderful family you have shared with us and for all of the great memories. Love you so much.....

Linda Van Nostrand - August 28, 2019 at 08:49 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Wonderful Mom



**Leah Bernard** - August 28, 2019 at 01:17 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Amazing Grandma



**Leah Bernard** - August 28, 2019 at 01:15 AM

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“ I Loved Lois' laugh. She was always cheerful, happy, generous and embracing to all and made me feel loved and special. Much love to Lean, Christy, Kim and George!

**Gaye E Mallet** - August 27, 2019 at 10:13 AM

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“ So many memories over these thirty-nine years: times when Lois and George wvre back here and the one time in 2003 I could go with Helen out to their home with all the side trips out there. Rest eternal grant to Lois, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Bob

**Robert Farr** - August 25, 2019 at 07:56 PM

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“ Aunt Lois always had a hug and a smile for me and welcomed me to the world of Facebook 10 years ago. I will miss her sweet smile and encouraging words. I pray she is holding my dads hand and take comfort she is with family still. Hugs to my cousins and aunts and uncles Love to you all.



**Diana Morris Broussard** - August 24, 2019 at 04:37 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Steigerwalt.



August 24, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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“ Sis, I am so glad we got to spend some time together this last summer. You mean so much to me. Many memories come to mind but I'll always treasure the times you and George and Kim took me in at the beach and showed me the ocean in all its glory. My favorite memory is the first time I came down to NC and you two picked me up in Raleigh and it was night by the time we got to the shore. We stopped and looked at the reflection of the beautiful full moon on the ocean. I fell in love with the ocean in that moment but it was only the first of many special moments I spent with you. I miss you already and always will love you. Helen

**Robert Farr** - August 24, 2019 at 09:50 AM