



## Lois Nicholson

November 5, 1922 - January 22, 2018

The funeral service for Lois Nicholson of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, at the Wadena Alliance Church with Pastor Vaughn White presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday beginning at 5:00 and will end with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Lois Marcia Nicholson, age 95, peacefully went to her Heavenly Father early Monday morning on January 22, 2018, after a long battle with dementia. Lois was in the care of Inga's Place in rural Wadena, MN, where she lived for 5 ½ years.

Lois was born November 5, 1922, to Walter Baird and Mildred Ona (Canon) Gunn near Clarissa, MN. When Lois and her twin brother, Loren, were born they were kept warm in small shoe boxes on the oven door. The twins resided in Wadena all their lives and recently celebrated their 95th birthdays, the last of many sweet celebrations.

Lois married Raymond K. Nicholson on May 12, 1943, at the Gunn home in Otter Tail County. After Ray returned from the Army during WWII, they lived together nearly 70 years in their home on the Bee Ranch on the east side of Wadena. With Ray, Lois raised five children, was a wonderful mother and homemaker, and was a partner in the honey business.

Lois briefly attended nursing training at Wesley Hospital, went to California to be a "Rosie the Riveter" during the war, then returned to Wadena to marry and begin her beloved profession of being a mom to her blessed children. She loved sewing and crocheting and did embroidery even to her last days. She professionally decorated cakes and enjoyed baking, cooking and preparing jelly and putting up food for other seasons. Lois often cooked a wonderful "Sunday dinner" and entertained friends, family and visiting missionaries. Ray and Lois were active in many activities at the Wadena Alliance Church where she taught Sunday School and VBS. She was active in Christian Women's Bible Study and attended many bee meetings and conventions with Ray. She spent many years on the Minnesota Honey Queen committee for the Minnesota Beekeepers Association.

Lois had a strong faith, prayed daily for all of her family and many missionaries and ministries. In one's life there are only a few people who love you unconditionally and Lois gave that sweetest, life-affecting love to her family.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband Ray on December 3, 2016 after 73 years of marriage; her mother and father Walter and Mildred Gunn; her beloved Aunt Blossom; brothers Ronald and Tony Gunn; sister Nelma Gunn Rowe; and son-in-law Joe Koranda.

Lois is survived by her children, son Daniel Ray (Jan) Nicholson of Woodland Park, Colorado; daughters Diane Lois Koranda of Alexandria, Janet Joy (Roddy) Sams of Staples, Sally Rose Nicholson of Elk River and Ronda Ruth (Jim) Stumbo of Helena Montana; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; twin brother Loren of Wadena; sister Viola Horner of Sauk Rapids; brother-in-law David Nicholson of Anoka; sisters-in law Florence Peterson of Randolph, WI and Verna Nicholson of Minneapolis; along with many nieces and nephews and friends.

Honorary Pallbearers will be her granddaughters Emily, Marnie, Chanda, Sarita, Marcia and Amy, her great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter.

Active pallbearers will be her grandsons Lief Noll, Anders Nicholson, Soren Nicholson, Brian Sams, Jamison Cockerham, Ken Cockerham, Nick Stumbo and Andy Stumbo.

Burial will be in the Leaf River Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

The family wishes to express much gratitude to Inga's for the wonderful care Mom received, especially to Karla and Darlene.

# Cemetery

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## Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street  
Wadena, MN, 56482

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Wadena Alliance Church  
1428 Jefferson St. S., Wadena, MN, US, 56482

**JAN** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Wadena Alliance Church  
1428 Jefferson St. S., Wadena, MN, US, 56482

**JAN** **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - January 25, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ A lovely montage. My favorites were with the fish and the birthday hat...

**Eileen Koranda** - January 26, 2018 at 05:39 AM

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“ Miranda Grall sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Nicholson



**Miranda Grall** - February 04, 2018 at 01:29 AM

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“ Jan, so sorry about your mother's death. She lived a wonderful life.  
God bless you and Roddy & family!

**yalanda rishovd** - January 29, 2018 at 09:22 AM

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“ I will cherish the memories I have of Ray and Lois. Always willing to help someone.  
Lois was my Sunday school teacher and loved teaching. God Bless your families.

**Rita Rentz Jensen** - January 26, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 25, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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“ Lois was a dear classmate of mine. Ruby (Breid) Lynk



Ruby Lynk - January 24, 2018 at 06:42 PM

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“ Tammie Klawitter sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Nicholson



Tammie Klawitter - January 24, 2018 at 11:08 AM

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“ Lois and Ray invited me into their home when I showed up at their back door to ask about beekeeping from "The Beeman". I was probably barefoot and smelled of cigarettes. That did not stop them. They invited me in and befriended me. They should have told me to scoot. They fed me many cups of coffee over several years and talked about Jesus. They took me to revival meetings. I never became that good of a beekeeper, but I did accept Jesus as my Savior. That has stuck. It's been 46 years! Dee and I were commissioned as missionaries at Wadena CMA. Ray, R Folkestad and others prayed for us. Is Jesus real? I think so! Look at me for evidence. Thank you, Lois and Ray. God bless your family and friends! I wish Dee and I could come, but just cannot at this time. Please celebrate in the midst of this sadness. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
Colin Murphy



**Colin Murphy** - January 23, 2018 at 09:09 PM

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“ Wanda Horner-Carlson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Nicholson



**Wanda Horner-Carlson** - January 23, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ The wonderful memories of Auntie Lois are many - from summer visits to her house as a kid to last summer's family gathering watching her interact with her siblings. The bond between my Mom, Auntie Lois and Uncle Loren was beautiful and bittersweet witness knowing it may be their last time together - and it was. Thank you for your unwavering love Auntie Lois.

I will miss and love you always.

Wanda

Wanda Horner-Carlson - January 23, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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“ I share the same feelings of being blessed to be with Mom, Uncle Loren and Auntie Lois' last time spent together

Evonna Pflipsen - January 26, 2018 at 07:38 PM

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“ Lois was one of my mother's (Dorothy Berry) dear friends. She and Mom were on committees (decorating etc.) together years ago for Christian Women's Club, and Mom would share with me about the fun they had! It didn't sound like they were really working.

Lois was a gracious lady who lived her faith and I will always have those special memories of her!

Shirley Van Batavia



Shirley Van Batavia - January 23, 2018 at 11:17 AM

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“ Dee Goerge lit a candle in memory of Lois Nicholson



Dee Goerge - January 23, 2018 at 07:26 AM

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“ Dan & Beth Kern lit a candle in memory of Lois Nicholson



**Dan & Beth Kern** - January 23, 2018 at 06:03 AM

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“ Sister, Viola Horner and family: Denise , Anita & John , Evonna & Gary, and Wanda & Kathy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lois Nicholson.



**Sister, Viola Horner and family: Denise , Anita & John , Evonna & Gary, and Wanda & Kathy** - January 22, 2018  
at 08:25 PM