



## Lois L. Rickard

November 23, 1937 - April 30, 2026

Lois Lee Rickard, 88, of Mason City, Illinois, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Lois was born November 23, 1937, in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Lawrence and Roberta Richards. She married Victor Joseph "Joe" Rickard on September 21, 1957. Together, they had two sons, Mark S. Rickard and Bruce A. Rickard.

She is survived by her son, Mark S. Rickard and his wife, Sarah, of Mason City; daughter-in-law, Feena Rickard; and three grandchildren, Logan Rickard, Mason Rickard and Lance Rickard, all of Mason City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Lawrence Richards; her husband, Joe; and her son, Bruce.

Lois was a graduate of the class of 1955 from Lanphier High School in Springfield, IL. Lois was a hard-working Mother and career woman with deep commitments to family, friends and community. Lois had an outgoing personality and an infectious smile. She never met a stranger or failed to lend a helping hand where needed. She loved to meet new people, travel, shop, cook and participating in group projects.

She retired as an executive supervisor from the State of Illinois in 1989, after 38 years of service. Lois also owned and helped manage the Banner Times Publications Company, alongside her late husband Joe from 1964 until his death in 1998. She maintained the family business with the help of her eldest son Mark until 2022.

Throughout her life, Lois volunteered and served on numerous committees, boards and community groups. She served two terms as mayor of Mason City, from 2001 to 2005 and again from 2009 to 2013. She also served as Ward 3 alderman from 2007 to 2009.

Lois was a member of the Mason City Rotary Club, serving as president twice, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. She also served on the Mason City Cemetery Board Association for many years. In addition, she was a member of Mason City Community Chapel, proudly held the title of Easter Bunny for the annual Mason City Easter Egg Hunt for 10 years, and was a loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Lois will be remembered for her dedication to Mason City, her love of family and community, and the warmth and kindness she shared with everyone she met.

Graveside services will be held, Friday, May 8th, 10:30 am at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Lois's name to the Mason City Food Pantry. Online condolences can be left for her family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

N pierce St  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mason City Cemetery  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ We offer our sincere sympathy to Lois' family and other loved ones. Lois was a steadfast supporter of the Arlee Theater when we were restoring and operating it, and she encouraged us greatly in the challenging endeavor. When other people her age were retiring and coasting, she took on more civic and business challenges to better our community. Lois earned our deep respect and gratitude. She left the world better than she found it.

John and Gaye Maxson - May 08 at 11:06 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois Rickard



Larry and Mary Hundt - May 06 at 08:57 AM

RR

“ Ruth R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lois L. Rickard.



Ruth R. - May 05 at 05:03 PM

TW

“ Lois was a great person and a very very good friend of my grandma Elizabeth Behrends..they did everything together til my grandma passed away..I remember my grandma telling about Lois wanting to get a knock out rose bush like what she had,Lois went to get one and had asked if the place had knock up rose bushes instead of knock out rose bushes,she said they all laughed..they had many fun memories together..my thoughts and prayers are with her family..she will be missed deeply..

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**Tracy wise** - May 05 at 12:48 PM

NL

“ So sorry to hear of Lois's passing. She was such a kind lady and made a great Easter bunny.



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**Nancy Leesman** - May 05 at 10:49 AM

KB

“ Hi Mark Kevin Bare here . Don Bare's son . Sorry to hear about your mother . You have my deepest sympathy . My prayers are with you and your family . Remember our fathers together what a hoot . You mother was one of the nicest and busiest ladies I ever met ! Again my deepest sympathy to you and your family !

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**Kevin Bare** - May 05 at 09:53 AM

JK

“ Mark and family, sorry to hear of Lois passing. Hugs to you all. John and Judy Karl, your old beach neighbor.

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**Judy Karl** - May 04 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ *She was a great lady  
Hugs to all  
Darlene Seward miller*



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**Darlene Miller** - May 04 at 05:44 PM

RZ

“ *Lois was always welcoming and a breath of fresh air. Our  
sympathies to her family.*

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**Roger and Barb Zimmerman** - May 04 at 02:03 PM

BM

“ *Bob & I send our condolences to Mark &  
Sarah & all the family. So sorry for your loss*



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**Bob & Lynne McDaniel** - May 04 at 01:13 PM