



Lois Jean Michels

December 24, 1928 - February 22, 2019

Lois Jean (nee Goodendorf) Michels, 90, of Aurora, passed away on February 22, 2019, in the embrace of her family. She was born December 24, 1928 to Frank and Elizabeth Goodendorf, sister to Mary (George) Manville, Elizabeth (Ralph) Ernzen and Jane Ann (John) Lentz.

Lois married Bernard J. Michels, on November 24, 1951 and together they built a family and a legacy in eight children, eleven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Lois enjoyed working outside the home at Ginsberg's department store, Burney Bros. and especially at the Aurora YWCA. She was an amazing cook, avid gardener, impressive walker and had a beautiful alto voice that graced several choirs.

Lois is survived by her children, Therese Michels, Bernard Michels, Martha Smith, Maureen (Earl) Hardekopf, Janice (Mark) Rudolph, Paul Michels, Terry (Julia) Michels and Ann (Joe) Pressel; her grandchildren Lisa Hardekopf, Adam (Jill) Hardekopf, Matt Smith, Gail Rogers, Jeff (Chelsea Hodge) Hardekopf, Eric Rudolph, Kevin Smith, Doug Hardekopf, Bryan Rudolph, Andrew Michels, Isaac Michels; her great grandchildren Abbi, Emma, Nathan, David, Lilah, William and Barrett; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Anna Marie and Nello Avram; her brother-in-law Jim Michels; many nieces and nephews; and her friends for more than 70 years in the Our Mothers' Daughters Club.

Lois was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bern; her parents; her sisters and much loved in-laws; nephews, niece and dear friends.

The family wishes to acknowledge the kind care from the staff at Bickford of Aurora and Angels Grace Hospice as well as Mom's own personal angels: Margaret, Cathy, Debbie, Mary, Johnnie, and Mira.

Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 12:00pm at St. Joseph Church, 722 High St., Aurora, IL 60505. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Lois will lie in state Wednesday morning at St. Joseph Church from 11:00am until the funeral hour at 12:00pm. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 4:00pm until 7:30pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Lois' family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
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In State

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Jean Michels



Daleiden Mortuary - February 25, 2019 at 12:19 PM

DG

“ To Mark & Janice, Brian & Eric, and to all the members of the large Michels family, my sincere condolences on the loss of someone so precious as Lois. I am truly sorry.
Please be assured of a place in my prayers during this difficult time for all of you that loved her so much. I am sure she will be missed but what a beautiful family and legacy she has left.
Sincerely, Diane Giglio

Diane Giglio - February 26, 2019 at 08:36 AM

JH

“ What a beautiful lady. So many wonderful memories. So sorry that I will be out of town. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. With lots of Love, Janet

Janet Hollon - February 25, 2019 at 07:48 PM

NH

“ We send our wishes of sympathy to the whole Michels family, but especially to Terry, whom we've known for many years. We are sure our paths must have crossed with Lois's, either at Ginsberg's or the YW years ago. Please find comfort in the happy memories from your times with her. With love, Jim and Nancy Hopp

Nancy Hopp - February 25, 2019 at 06:24 PM

CK

“ Curtis Thomasco & Marc Kapral purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Lois Jean Michels.



Curtis Thomasco & Marc Kapral - February 25, 2019 at 02:52 PM

RT

“ I remember being a teenager working at Jewel where Lois was the Burney Bros. bakery lady. What a sweet, friendly person! My condolences and prayers to the family are heartfelt.

Robert Turner - February 25, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Jean Michels.



February 25, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - February 25, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Maria V. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lois Jean Michels.*



Maria V. - February 25, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lois Jean Michels.*



February 25, 2019 at 09:30 AM