

Lois was born on December 7, 1926, in Kimball, S.D., to George E. and Minnie Hazel (Hopkins) Gould. She moved to Verdel, NE at age two and attended grade school there. She moved to Hawarden, IA in 1938 and graduated from Hawarden High School in 1943.

She married Russell Oliver “Busch” Bergdale on August 20, 1944, in South Sioux City, NE. The couple lived and raised their three children, Barbara George, Larry Russell, and Lindsay John, on the Bergdale family farm in Union County, SD. Lois was baptized on May 27, 1956, at the Alcester Baptist Church, where she and Russell attended for several years. The couple moved to Hawarden in November 1983.

Lois and Russell loved Twins baseball and would travel to many games. They were always present at important family events. Russell passed away on March 29, 1993, in Hawarden. Lois had over 30 years of more living to do and adventures to be had. She made frequent winter trips to Arizona, and she always traveled with her daughter Barb and son-in-law Bruce Waterman.

She was a member of Hawarden First Baptist Church and a faithful volunteer with the Hawarden Senior Center, volunteered at West Sioux Elementary School as a reading tutor, and served as Church Mission Treasurer for many years. Her faith was core to her through all life events. She lived the virtues that are taught in the Bible every day. *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...* Galatians 5:22-23. These attributes were how Lois lived her life, and she blessed everyone around her over her 97 years with her presence. She moved to Oakhill Assisted Living in August 2021 and moved to Crown Pointe in Sioux Center during September 2023. She was well cared for and loved by many at both facilities before her move on February 8, 2024, to Hillcrest where she passed away on February 24, at the age of 97.

Lois is being reunited in heaven with her parents, George and Hazel Gould, her brother, Dale Gould, two infant brothers, Gerald Edgar and Lyle Everet, her husband, Russell Bergdale, and her grandchildren, Abria Lynd Bergdale and Scott Russell Bergdale.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Barbara Waterman (Bruce) of Hawarden, Larry Bergdale (Linda) of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Lindsay Bergdale (Linda) of Fountain Hills, AZ; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, Daniel Waterman of Hawarden, Lisa DenHerder (Rick) of Rapid City, SD, Stacy Friedman (Howard) of The Woodlands, TX, Amy Hamilton (Andrew) of Adelaide, Australia, Micah Bergdale of New York, NY, Stewart Haynes of New York, NY, Christopher Haynes of Tucson, AZ; six great-grandchildren, Kayla Schmalz (David) of Rapid City, SD, Ben Friedman of Scottsdale, AZ, Brooks Friedman of The Woodlands, TX, Ella and Oliver Hamilton of Adelaide, Australia, and Louis Russell Bergdale of Cedar Rapids, IA; and four great-great grandchildren and one step-great-great grandson, Capri, Leo, Willow and Julian Schmalz all of Rapid City, SD, Lane Sohl of Hawarden.

*In Loving Memory*

# *Lois Hazel Bergdale*

*December 7, 1926 ~ February 24, 2024*

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

2:00pm, Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
First Baptist Church  
Hawarden, Iowa

## **OFFICIANT**

Pastor Stuart Schreur  
Pastor Scott Conner

## **PIANIST**

Julie Hummel

## **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*“In the Garden”*

*“The Borne Cry”*

*“Softly and Tenderly”*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Tony Andela, Saxophone  
*“Amazing Grace”*

## **CASKET BEARERS**

Larry Bergdale ~ Lindsay Bergdale  
Lane Sohl ~ Dan Waterman  
Rick DenHerder ~ Tony Andela

## **INTERMENT**

Private Family Burial  
Grace Hill Cemetery  
Hawarden, Iowa

*Lois' family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship, downstairs, in the church fellowship hall, following the memorial service.*

*In Loving Memory*

Jesus said...  
“I am the *resurrection*  
and the *life*;  
he who believes in me,  
though he may die,  
yet shall he live.  
And whoever lives,  
and believes in me,  
*shall never die.*”

-John 11:25,26



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