

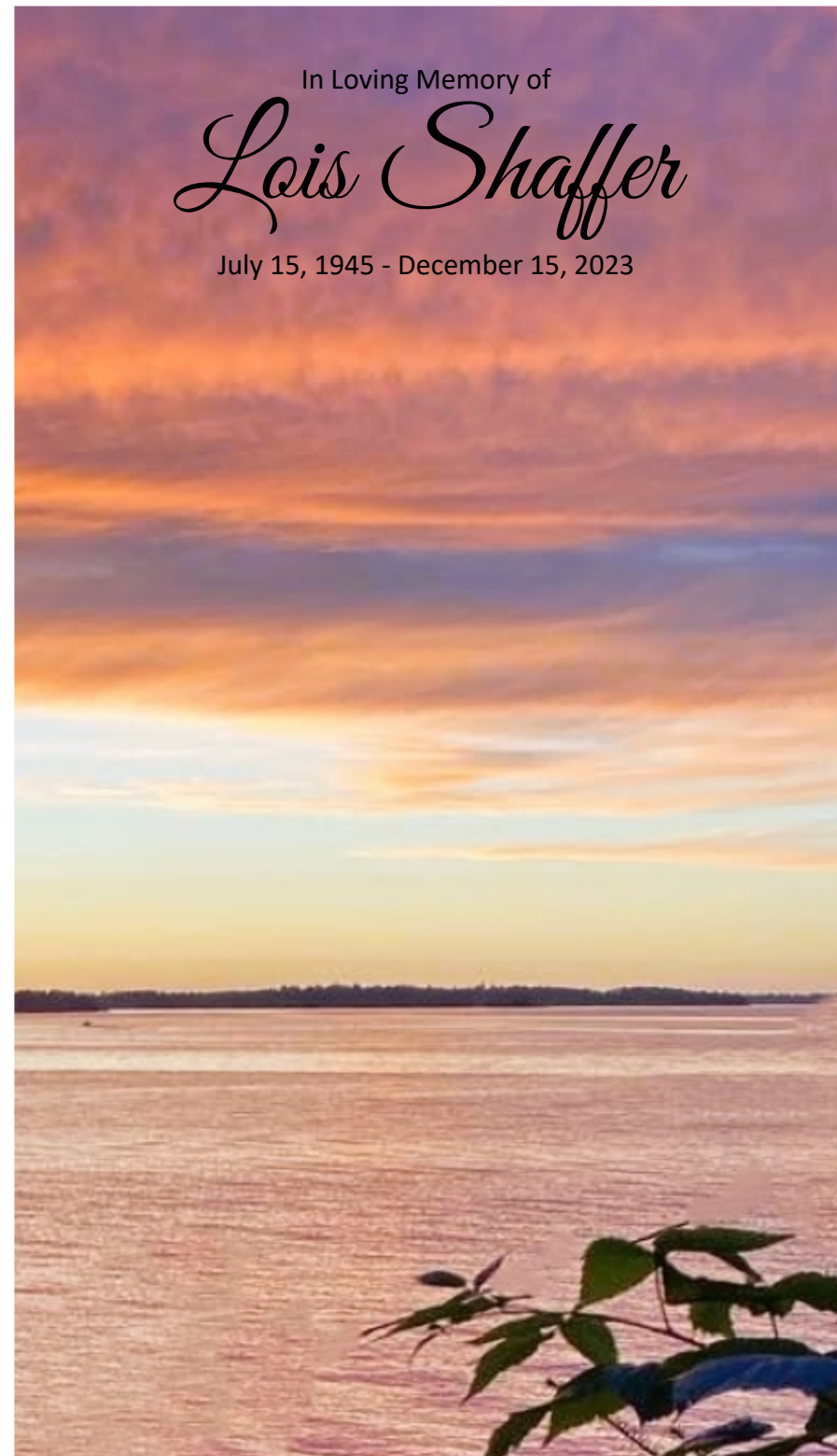
Lois Estelle Shaffer was born to Louie and Estelle (Lester) Bush on July 15, 1945 in Miami Beach, FL. After her father served in WWII, the family returned to the Ellsworth area, where they continued farming. Lois graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1963, earning the salutatorian title. She moved to Sioux Falls to attend Nettleton College and went on to work as an executive secretary at an electrical supply company. It was during this time in Sioux Falls that she met Sterling. They had a whirlwind romance that began with their mutual love for dancing, meeting in March 1968 and married September 14 of that same year. For the next 7 years they made Sioux Falls their home, and welcomed their son Richard in 1970.

In 1975 they moved to Beaver Creek, Minnesota and welcomed their daughter Julie in 1976. Shortly after, Lois was asked by a neighbor if she would watch their child and, being the kind person that she was, she agreed. Soon after, she started caring for another neighbor's child, and then another, and it wasn't long before Lois Shaffer was the daycare lady in town. She went on to do daycare for 40 plus years, caring for multiple generations of kids in the town of Beaver Creek. We would often joke that she had probably changed the diapers of most of the people that lived in her small town. Her daycare children loved her and her amazing cooking. In retirement, Lois continued to work with children as a para at the Beaver Creek Elementary School.

Lois loved the outdoors and loved to travel. She and Sterling went on many adventures with her brother Bob and wife Jean, making many memories along the way. Later in life, one of her favorite places to visit was to her son's cabin in Voyageurs National Park. She would barely be home from a visit there and would begin talking about when she could go again. She loved any and all games, often showing her competitive spirit by playing for hours until she won. She also loved crosswords, puzzles, a good book, and spending time with dear friends. She had a love/hate relationship with the Minnesota Vikings but would never miss a game. She always looked forward to game day and those close to her knew that you best not call or interrupt her during the game! Most of all, Lois loved her family and loved spending time with them, even if it was just chatting on the phone or exchanging texts about how bad the Vikings played. She adored her grandchildren and truly lived up to the saying "If mom says no, ask grandma". In recent years she enjoyed having five great-grandchildren and was always excited when she would get a new picture or any kind of update on the fun things the kids were doing or saying.

Lois was strong in her faith and in her devotion to those she cared about. Through her life's ups and downs she remained strong and always cared for others before herself. She was determined to live life to the fullest and she cherished every special moment. She was loved by many and will be missed more than words could ever describe.

Lois is survived by her husband of 55 years, Sterling; children, Richard (Karen) and Julie (Wade); grandchildren, Amber (Andy), April (Shawn), Miranda, Memphis, Mavrick, and Mercedes; great-grandchildren Kailey, Travis, Jack, Emilia, and Otto; brother, Robert (Jean); nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by parents, Louie and Estelle Bush; and brother, James.





In Loving Memory of

Lois Shaffer



Funeral Service

Thursday, December 21, 2023

1:00 PM

St. John Lutheran Church

DuVerne, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe

Scripture

Psalms 23

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

John 14:1-6

Music

Organist - Janet Marshall

Congregational Hymns

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - Hymn 461

"Abide With Me" - Hymn 878

"How Great Thou Art" - Hymn 801

"When Peace Like A River" - Hymn 763

Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lois's family would like to extend an invitation for all guests to join in dessert and coffee in the church basement immediately following the funeral service for food, fellowship, and encouragement.

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And I'll be waiting on the far side banks of Jordan

I'll be sitting drawing pictures in the sand

And when I see you coming, I will rise up with a shout

And come running through the shallow waters,

reaching for your hand



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