



Lois M. Pheasey Priester

October 20, 2016

Lois M. (Pheasey) Priester, 80, of 1012 Skyline Drive, Lancaster, died at Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy on Thursday, October 20, 2016 after a three-and-a-half year battle with cancer.

She was the wife of William B. Priester, with whom she celebrated 57 years of marriage in September.

The daughter of the late Leonard and Dolly (Stephens) Pheasey, she was born in Edmonton, Alberta, and lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, before moving to Lancaster in 1959.

She was a 1954 graduate of Lord Byng Secondary School in Vancouver and earned her nursing degree from St. Paul's Hospital there three years later.

Lois began her nursing career at Prince George Regional Hospital in northern British Columbia, and worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster, now Lancaster Regional Medical Center, before retiring from St. Anne's Retirement Community near Columbia in 2003.

During her decades as a nurse, she was instrumental in early HIV and AIDS education efforts with the American Red Cross Lancaster chapter. She also worked as a private-duty nurse.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster.

Lois loved to travel and lived to spend time with her family, especially her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was known for her infectious laugh, chocolate-chip cookies and a unique way of saying "I love you." She enjoyed gin-and-tonics, Penn State football and the Blue Band.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Lena M. Kerr-Fisher, of Summerland, British Columbia; three children, Joseph, the husband of Bonnie (Balfour) Priester, of Indialantic, Florida; David, the husband of Lisa (Cooney) Priester, of Lititz; and Catherine Murse, the wife of Tom Murse, also of Lancaster; seven grandchildren, Julie Davila, wife of Michael Davila, of Melbourne, Florida; Rachel Priester, of Austin, Texas; Alexandra and Austin Priester, of Lititz; and Hillary, Caroline and Brody Murse, all of Lancaster; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Jack Davila, both of Melbourne, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews in Canada.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard M. Pheasey.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Lois' Memorial Service on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment in St. James Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in Lois' name may be made to the Lancaster Cancer Center, 1858 Charter Lane, Suite 202, Greenfield Industrial Park, P.O. Box 10396, Lancaster, PA 17605-0396.

Cemetery Details

St. James Memorial Garden

Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lois M. Pheasey Priester*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Bill, Sorry we cannot attend the Service for LOIS. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Lew and Dolly Sabatine.*

Lewis L. Sabatine - November 16, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois M. Pheasey Priester.*



November 14, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ *Bill, sorry we will be unable to attend the service for Lois. Our grand-daughter is getting married on Saturday in Harrisburg. Again, we have such great memories of Lois. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family*

Raymond & Rita Good

Raymond Good - October 27, 2016 at 06:37 PM

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“ Lois will always hold a special place in my heart. My deepest sympathy and prayers sent to you and your family. I'm sure Lois is singing "You are my sunshine" up in heaven. She will be greatly missed. Love Patty (Lancaster Cancer Center)

Patricia - October 24, 2016 at 09:19 AM

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“ Bill. you and your family have our sincere sympathy. We have such great memories of Lois. Loved her laugh. She will be greatly missed.

Raymond & Rita

Raymond Good - October 23, 2016 at 09:51 PM

JK

“ God be with you and your family at this time Dave. Your Friend at Martin's Flooring. Jere Kochel.

Jere Kochel - October 21, 2016 at 07:35 AM

BF

our deepest sympathies. barbara and larry fagan

Barb and Larry Fagan - October 21, 2016 at 11:48 AM