

# Obituaries

## Lois Lorene Husband Fry

May 1943 - Oct. 29, 2022

Lois Lorene Husband Fry, 79, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away October 29, 2022 in Allen, TX. Services were held November 12, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home. Burial was in Sixteen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to What Cheer Opera House.

She was born May 13th southwest of What Cheer to Lawrence and Mildred Husband and grew up on a farm in the Thornburg area. She attended school there and was graduated from Tri County, later taking cosmetology classes at Ottumwa Beauty Academy.

Lois was united in marriage to Dean Fry of Gibson in 1958. The couple were parents of two children Betty Fry Thornton and Jerry Fry (Zelma). Later the couple built a new home and Lois opened the Hair Shoppe in their basement where she worked the next thirty years.

Dean passed away in 1997, after which she worked in the fertilizer business in New Sharon and Victor until she retired in 2007. She loved flowers and creating floral arrangements and worked occasionally in florist shops in What Cheer, Montezuma and Grinnell.

During her retirement she took up golf with her friend Loretta and they found a true love for the game. Another long-time interest of hers was genealogy. She and her niece, Janet Braden, have compiled and created many books on their lineage. Doing so they traveled to a number of states researching their family.

A love of her life were her children and granddaughters, Nicole Thornton Fisher (Mark) and Ashley Thornton Wethor (Chris). Her great-grandsons, Anthony Cullotta, Zachary Cullotta, Kyle Fisher and William Wethor were a real joy to her. In 2009 Lois suffered a stroke while in Illinois visiting her family for Christmas. After rehab and much therapy, she was able to return home in April. In June, she required brain surgery due to an aneurysm which affected her balance. She spent a year and a half in an Assisted Living facility in Sigourney until 2012 when she sold her farm home and purchased a smaller home in Oskaloosa where she was able to live on her own. She lived there with help from close friends and family who she was truly grateful for, especially her lifelong friend Betty and her niece, Janet until 2019. Then she made the tough decision to move to Texas to be near both her children, something she never thought would happen. She lived on her own in an apartment in a senior living community until she required more assistance and moved into an assisted living facility minutes from Betty and Ashley and not far from Jerry and Zelma where she lived until she passed. She enjoyed spending time with her family on

shopping trips and outings as well as family meals and gatherings. She truly loved being so close to her family.

Lois is survived by her daughter, Betty, daughter-in-law, Zelma, granddaughters, Nicki (Mark) and Ashley (Chris) and great-grandsons, Anthony, Zachary, Kyle and William.

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