Lois D. Jones



Lois D. Jones, 88, of Grinnell, died Friday, October 11, 2024, at Unity-Point-Grinnell.

A Memorial Service outside of Mass will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell. Burial will follow at Newton Union Cemetery in Newton, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed St. Mary Catholic Church and sent in care of Cox-Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, PO Box 163, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Lois was born on June 23, 1936, the daughter of Virgil Andrew and Mary Cecilia Richmond Johnson in Grinnell. She graduated from Grinnell Senior High and started working at Maytag. She was the first woman to repair the product at the end of the assembly. She was also the UAW Leader. Lois retired in 1992 after 25 years of service. Following her retirement, she cleaned houses for several people.

In her younger years, she enjoyed playing cards with the neighbors and Friday night bowling league, and she loved mushroom hunting (and keeping the location secret). Lois was part of a group nicknamed the Golden Girls, who had coffee every weekday and went on several trips together over the years. She was a die-hard Hawkeye fan, and also rooted for the Steelers and the Bears. Her faith and her family were of utmost importance to her.

She is survived by her sons Frank Jones of Iowa City and Fred Jones of West Des Moines; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and other friends and relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Gale, Gerald, Deloris, Roberta, Barbara, Carol, Maxine and an infant sister.

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