



Lois Douthit

February 13, 1935 - October 6, 2024

Lois Faye (Kendrick) Douthit passed away peacefully on October 6, 2024. Until the end, she maintained her gentle soul, and her life revolved around family, friends, and helping others.

Lois was born February 13, 1935, to Glen and Mabel Kendrick in Chadron, Nebraska. She grew up in Whitney and Chadron, Nebraska, where she was involved in 4H and Band. She graduated from Chadron High School, followed by attending Chadron State College, where she graduated with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and Teaching. Upon graduating, she taught in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Lois met her husband, Melvin Douthit, at square dancing club. They were married in 1958 in Whitney, Nebraska, and then moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, just before it became a state. Soon after, they moved back to Nebraska, and then to California. While in California, Lois taught special education, and was involved in cub scouts, little league, and church, where she taught Sunday School and led children's worship.

In 1980, Lois moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where she continued to teach special education. She became involved with Dance Express and Special Olympics as a volunteer coach in volleyball, basketball, track and softball. In 2012, she received the Mayor's Award for Volunteer of Year – an accomplishment she was proud of. Lois continued to coach until her 'retirement' in her mid-80's. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, painting, sewing, and crocheting. Lois was also a die-hard Nebraska Husker

Football fan - she watched every game faithfully.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, and her sister, Karyl Saxton. She is survived by her brother, Dick Kendrick, her children: Michael Douthit, Jerry Douthit, Tracey Douthit and Crystal Ford, and her grandchildren: Christopher Douthit, Lacey Lindgren, Hannah Douthit, and Haylee Douthit. In remembrance, a gathering will take place at 1 pm, on October 23, 2024, at Bohlender's Chapel, where we will honor Lois's enduring impact on our community and hearts.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Lois Douthit*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - October 23, 2024 at 05:02 PM

NB

“ *Lois Was A Good Lady And Was Also A Good Special Olympics Coach I Enjoyed Talking To Her When I Ran Into Her Along With Her Son Uncle Tracey Along With Seeing Her At Uncle Tracey's Birthday Parties Coach Lois Will Be Dearly Missed But She Will Be In Our Hearts Forever And Ever*
Nathan A. Beers

Nate Beers - October 07, 2025 at 07:16 PM

VL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Virginia Lewis - October 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM

VL

I guess what I wrote to go with the picture didn't go through. Lois always attended Ryan's birthday bowling parties, never missed one with Tracey, and the last few years Crystal joined us too. She was so devoted to the Sluggers softball team and will be sorely missed. The entire Apt/Lewis family loved her. Sending hugs to her family.

Virginia Lewis - October 20, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JP

Lois was always a true friend and full of goodness. I met Lois and Mel at church in the 1970's, which began many years of laughter, serious talks, partying, and sharing family stories. Lois loved her family intensely and was proud of her children. When visiting Ft. Collins a few times after moving away in the 1990's, I always spent time catching up with her and her warm and funny personality. She loved God with her whole heart, which showed in how she treated everyone. Now she is eternally joyful and well, and in the presence of those she loved who went before her.

Judy Paulk - February 18, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MI

“Lois was a kind person. She was awesome. She helped us around and needed help with the special Olympics. We will always will miss her.

miriam - October 14, 2024 at 02:26 PM

KK

“Mel and Lois and the kids were our neighbors when they moved to Fort Collins. They were the best neighbors anyone could ever have! Helpful, friendly, gracious and generous people. Lois really is that “one of a kind” person and will be missed.

Ken and Nancy Kirchhoff - October 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM

NS

“ *I will miss you so much my dear friend you were there for me for forty years and we shared so many good times. So thankful for your love and caring ways.*

Nellie swartz - October 11, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Coach Lois*



Mary Seaman - October 11, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“Lois will be missed dearly by the community -- especially the Special Olympics community. For many years, Lois has been a friend, mentor, and coach to many athletes and fellow coaches. Some of my fondest memories are working side-by-side with Lois coaching track, volleyball, and doing volunteer events. In addition, Lois was always there to coach her basketball and softball teams. I used to chuckle with this sweet little lady, who was so quiet and soft-spoken, relying on others to help holler out to athletes (especially Crystal) with instructions/guidance. It was always amazing how much Lois knew the details of her athletes. They ALL held a very special place in her heart, which was evident in how she talked fondly about them or was there for each of them. The feelings of loss and sadness will be felt by many as we head into basketball and softball season.



Prayers and hugs to Crystal and Tracy during this sad time.

Lois, I will miss you dearly and hope you have had some special dances with your husband since reaching heaven.

Mary Seaman - October 11, 2024 at 01:45 PM