



## Lois Ann Calkins

September 9, 1931 - October 17, 2021

Lois Ann Calkins of Kingsford, MI, was called into the presence of her Savior on Sunday, October 17 at Freeman's nursing home. She passed peacefully with family by her side after living with Alzheimer's disease for several years.

She was born on September 9, 1931, to the late Roland and Leona VanGinkle of Niagara, WI. She graduated from Niagara High School and entered the workforce doing secretarial jobs in Niagara and Milwaukee before meeting her husband, Thomas W. Calkins of Aurora, WI. They were married on October 27, 1956. The love for her family was demonstrated by the devotion to her six children and husband. They lived on a farm in rural Aurora where one of her passions was milking the cows. She loved gardening, sewing, and socializing with friends from church. They were long time members of Immanuel Baptist Church where she faithfully served in the nursery, Sunday School, GMG, and other children's ministries. She could always be found in the kitchen serving meals for events at church. She had a passion for serving and helping others.

After raising their children, they enjoyed traveling and served by doing various projects with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Dallas, TX. Her sewing skills were put to use mending clothing that was sent to missionaries and their families. They later became members of Grace Baptist Church where she enjoyed the friendship of the ladies in her Bible study group.

Lois' grandchildren were her pride and joy. She loved to spoil them and shared her quick wit and sarcasm with them. Any conversations with them today will bring up the countless meatpies, apple bars and orange carrot jellos shared at family gatherings.

She is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, Tom; her children, Roland (Marie) Calkins of Aurora, WI, Merlin (Julia) Calkins of Kingsford, Loren (Lenore) Calkins of Keizer, OR, Norman (the late Kathy) Calkins of Kingsford, and Raylene (the late Patrick) McDonald of Hobart, WI; her grandchildren, Tracie, Travis, Arminda, R. Evan, Celeste, Zachary, Abigail, Hannah, Jessica, Ashley, Mark, Matthew, Bradley; 21 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Phyllis Treiber, Marion McCormik, Jeanette Steckle, and Earl VanGinkle; and other family and friends.

Along with her parents, Lois was preceded in death by her daughter, Marchia DelForge; granddaughter, Stephanie; great-grandson, Salem; her siblings, Doreen Phillips and Dale VanGinkel; and other family and friends.

Visitation will be on October 23, 2021 from 9- 11:30 with a celebration of her life at 11:30 at Norway Evangelical Church.

Lois' family would like to express gratitude to the staff at Freemans Nursing Home for the care Lois received while she was a resident there.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Lois Ann Calkins online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
120 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

## Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
120 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Ann Calkins*



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - November 02, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Lois Calkins Service in memory of Lois Ann Calkins*



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - November 02, 2021 at 11:49 AM

RA

“ Tom, and Family,

*We express our sympathy to you all.*

*Lois was kind, compassionate, gifted. Faithful servant to her husband, family, and a multitude! God be praised.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Rand and Lori Alquist, and Children*

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**Rand Alquist** - November 16, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ *Our prayers are with all of you at this time. May the memories of her and knowing she is forever in heaven with our Lord being you all Peace. Todd and Michelle Cullen*

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**Michelle M. Cullen** - October 22, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“ *I am so very sorry to learn of Lois passing. She was a vital part in my acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Savior so many years ago at the age of 11. She would allow me to come over off the bus with Marchia, take me to GMG and bring me home afterwards, if not for her who knows it would have been before I met Jesus. Thank you Lois for being a Godly woman and leading so many to Christ. You are singing praises to our Heavenly Father, till we meet again. Love and hugs to the Calkins families. Laurie Oliver*

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**Laurie Oliver** - October 20, 2021 at 06:04 PM

LJ

“ *My sincere condolences to your entire family. I didn't know so much about Lois, after reading the obituary, but I remember her as a friend of Marchia's. Lois always had a warm smile and great compassion. I remember her at church and in GMG. May you all relish in her heritage as a Godly woman. She is singing her praises to her Lord now.*

*Lynne Olson Johnson*

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**Lynne Johnson** - October 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM