



## Lois Maurene Bennett

November 27, 1929 - July 19, 2021

Lois Maurene Bennett, age 91, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, 19 July 2021 while under the care of Hospice of Lenawee at her earthly residence. She was born on November 27, 1929, in Morenci, to Kenneth and Hazel (Thielan) Kishpaugh.

I am home in Heaven dear ones;

Oh, so happy and bright!

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this everlasting light.

All pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever.

Safely home in Heaven at last.

Lois graduated from Sand Creek High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Siena Heights University and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University. She taught in a variety of settings including rural one-room schoolhouses for six years, at a Nursery School (pre-school) for 5 years, as a substitute teacher at countywide elementary schools, and eventually served as a teacher and administrator of special needs children at the Porter Center for the Lenawee Intermediate School District for over 20 years.

On 22 October 1948, Lois married Clark W. Bennett, and they celebrated 68 years together before his passing in September 2016. Together they raised their children Randy and Rita and provided a nurturing environment for their grandchildren and great grandchildren, creating countless precious memories that continue to span generations.

Lois was a faithful and untiring member of Berean Baptist Church where she gave to the Lord her musical talents. In the fall of 1973, God put in the heart of Lois a burden for special needs people in Lenawee County. Under the direction of Assistant Pastor Lynn Wakefield, she and other members of Berean Baptist Church started what is now known as the Shepherds ministry. The class saw consistent growth through the '70s and '80s and eventually had to meet on Sunday mornings in the church's fellowship hall. Attendance grew from the first two members to now over sixty people per week.

A proud "snowbird", Lois and Clark wintered in Bradenton, Florida for over 31 years. She enjoyed being active with church and community activities. Lois played shuffleboard for many years and later became a tournament director for many local and State tournaments throughout Florida.

Lois and Clark opened their home in the early 1970s to Buca (Jadranka), a foreign exchange student from Yugoslavia (now Croatia). The love and continued nurturing and encouragement between Buca and the Bennett family continues to this day. In addition, Lois was considered to be "Mom" to a very faithful friend Dena Willitts.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were consistently showered with reminders of the thoughtfulness and care and love that Lois had towards each and every one of them. Cookies, knick-knacks, crocheted dolls, afghans, and animals were all lovingly created and bestowed not only to the children, but to nieces and nephews as well.

Lois is survived by her children Randy (Song) Bennett of Ann Arbor and Rita (William) Estep of Millington, Michigan; grandchildren Michael Cook, J, Joella (John) Zwack, Nathanael, Phoebe, Chloe, Ira, and Joy Bennett; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Additionally, Lois is survived by her sister Barbara Howdyshell and numerous nieces and nephews. Lois is preceded in death by her grandson, Kelvin Cook and six brothers and sisters.

In keeping with her concern for the health and safety of her surviving senior friends, visitation and the funeral service will be private.

The service may be viewed on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at [bereanofadrian.org](http://bereanofadrian.org), click on media. Memorial contributions may be made to Berean Baptist Church for the Shepherd's Class. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com) .

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Maurene Bennett*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lois Maurene Bennett.*



July 22, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *I was the little pesky girl next door across the ball field. I remember visiting with them often as a child. Her hugs WERE always the best! Our condolences and prayers go out to you and the rest of the family.*

*May peace be with her and you all.*

*Jack, Donna Kern and their daughter Lisa*

**Lisa Kern-Cutcher** - July 22, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Randy and Rita, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your Mom playing the organ for church every Sunday. I also remember one time that I was singing for a program and Aunt Lois was playing the piano for me, and we had a little trip, just the two of us. Aunt Lois was also so faithful in visiting my Dad when he was in the nursing home, and that meant alot to me. I will be praying for you both.*

*Jo Dutton*

**JoAnne Dutton** - July 22, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Maurene Bennett.*



July 22, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Buca, Katarina and Kristina purchased the Fairer t of All for the family of Lois Maurene Bennett.*



**Buca, Katarina and Kristina** - July 22, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ *I worked with Lois for many years in the Shepherd's ministry at Berean Baptist church. She had a special love for physically and mentally handicapped people. She will be missed. She also had a great love for her family.*

**Sandra Harnden** - July 22, 2021 at 07:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lois Maurene Bennett.*



July 21, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Maurene Bennett.*



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July 21, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *When "Aunt" Lois hugged you you were hugged long and tightly. You had no question as to her love for you because along with the hug came the words, "I love you." I will miss her and her hugs.*  
*Jackie Pearson Pickinpaugh*

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**Jackie Pearson Pickinpaugh** - July 21, 2021 at 12:11 PM



*Lois was a dear Sister in Christ. I will miss her hugs. She and Clark were so faithful to visit Jack when he was in the nursing home .And her love and dedication to the Shepherds Class was such a blessing. I will miss her.**Rona Hintz*

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**Rona Hintz** - July 22, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *Lois and Clark were such special, Christ centered, people who were never afraid to let The Light shine. I loved them both and enjoyed all the good times we all had playing shuffleboard. Your family was especially blessed to have them!* *Dan and Luelen Coughlin, Bradenton*

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**Mary Luelen Coughlin** - July 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ Lois was always a delight when she would be tournament director of our BSC tournaments at the beginning of each week. While she was being the director her hubby Clark was a player and also polishing his lovely car during lunch time..My husband Chuck and I admired both Lois and Clark for their wonderful marriage that they enjoyed. They will both be missed but we know they are at peace together with the Lord in Heaven. Fondly, Sue Daidone

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**Sue Daidone** - July 21, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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“ I met your Mom in Bradenton and she was the most gentle and beautiful person that I met there. I was a new shuffler and she was so kind ! The same was for your Dad , Peter and I loved them both and will always remember them . We are so sad for your loss and think that our LORD AND THE ONE THAT THEY LOVED will be with you !! Sincerely yours Erika and Peter Berg

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**Erika Berg** - July 21, 2021 at 09:50 AM