



## Lois Ann DeMots

March 23, 1947 - February 8, 2014

Lois Ann DeMots died unexpectedly February 8, 2014, while vacationing with her entire family.

She was born in 1947 to the late Marianne and Bernard TenHarmsel in Zeeland, Michigan. In 1969 she married William DeMots. She was a graduate of Calvin College, had her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and taught in the art department for 30 years at Siena Heights University. She also tutored at the Adrian Rea Literacy Center. She was on the board of the Adrian Symphony Orchestra for over 20 years, and was instrumental in building the garden and labyrinth at Weber Center. She and her family lived in and restored the Raymond House and gardens in Adrian's Historic District. She was an extraordinarily loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, an intrepid traveler, and an accomplished artist and gardener.

Lois and William had four children; Alexander, Kelly, Anthony, and Anita, as well as three grand children; Madeline, Dhillon, and Simon. She deeply felt the love of God through all her life, and lived to pass that love and kindness on to all she knew. May she be in peace with God.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church. Inhumation will be private at the First United Methodist Church memorial gardens. Visitation will take place at

Wagley Funeral Home on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In memory of Lois, flowers are welcome as well as contributions to the Adrian Symphony Orchestra or the Adrian Rea Literacy Center. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Ann DeMots*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *So sorry to find out Lois has died. We are cousins and knew each other through that (mostly) childhood connection. Her kindness stands out as I look back. And from what I read in this collection of tributes, her talents were many. Our sympathy to all her friends/family. Stu and Mary (Sytsma) Greydanus, Boynton Beach, Florida*

**Mary Greydanus** - February 18, 2014 at 01:40 AM



“ *Dear Bill & family, I can't express how sad we were to hear the horrible news of Lois passing. Please know you are all in our thoughts & prayers to get through this very difficult time. Bill please know we are here for you, please stop in anytime. Sincerely Jim & Linda Neill*

**linda neill** - February 15, 2014 at 07:11 PM

BM

“ *Bill,  
We are broken hearted with the loss of your wonderful wife, partner and friend. You two are the Model of Love that we all strive for. With Lois, if you were in awe of the color of a flower in her garden, you were her friend. If you took a walk with her on the grounds of Sienna Heights, you were her friend. If you were in the Peace Corps 45 years ago, you were her friend. How easy it was. Our prayers and candle lights go out to her to light her way. With deepest sympathy,*

*Midge and Bill,  
Alameda, CA*

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**Bill and Midge** - February 15, 2014 at 03:28 PM

MM

“ *The many havoc-wrecking nights spent on State Street and Devil's Lake tubing runs will never be forgotten! Lois' kindness and selflessness was evident to all around her, and her love for her family was incredible. She will be dearly missed, but heaven will be brighter for her presence.*

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**Mikel & Kara McClellan** - February 15, 2014 at 08:31 AM

TA

“ *A loss like yours is so hard to understand. We hope you do find comfort in the knowledge that she was loved by many. God certainly is by her side and your side, wrapping you all in a loving embrace and guiding you to find peace.  
Our deepest sympathy.*

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**Ted & Ellen Anderson** - February 14, 2014 at 09:23 PM

LH

“ Leonard And Darlene Hooker lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann DeMots



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Leonard and Darlene Hooker - February 13, 2014 at 05:38 PM

ML

“ Bill and family, we were saddened to here of Lois' s passing. We remember her as a devoted partner and parent. We send you our sympathy and will keep you all in our prayers. We loved sharing our love of State St. with you and Lois, that was such a special place to live.

Mary Ann and Jim Kuntz  
Fairfield Glade, Tn.

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Mary Ann Lintz - February 12, 2014 at 02:04 PM

TB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing oif Mrs. Demots. I never met her but Dr. Demots always spoke very kindly and loving of her every chance he got. I know she will be missed by her family and friends. In this time of sorrow please find comfort in believing that she is not "lost" as some people will say. Lois is only moved on to a better place, she lives now in your hearts and memories. As long as you have that, how can she really be lost? My prayers go to all who know her and love her.

God Bless you,  
Tonya Braman

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Tonya Braman - February 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM

MV

“ *Mary K. Vallad lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann DeMots*



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**Mary K. Vallad** - February 12, 2014 at 05:59 AM

KS

“ *We are keeping you and your family in our prayers. MAAy God give you his peace and comfort -*

*Vern and Kris (Ten Harmsel) Swieringa*

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**Kris Swieringa** - February 12, 2014 at 05:06 AM

PM

“ *So many people have been touched by this special lady! Her kindness and love of gardening inspired many a gardener...that gentle smile will surely be missed.*

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**Pam Meinke** - February 11, 2014 at 10:19 PM

WM

“ *With ache heart thinking of you & your family. May her memories bring you peace & help you through . Wafa & Maher Mualla*

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**wafa Mualla** - February 11, 2014 at 09:55 PM

DF

“ *Our most sincere condolences to the DeMots family. Sincerely Dave & Karol Feldkamp*

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**Dave Feldkamp** - February 11, 2014 at 08:52 PM

CL

“ I have been a server at the Devils Lake Yacht Club for 10 years, and I have gotten to know Lois and William well over that period of time. It always made me smile when they would come in, because the love they radiated was just amazing. Never have I seen a couple so in love. She was such a sweetheart, and she will be very dearly missed. My heart goes out to the family during this very sad time. God bless  
-Chelsea Ladd

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**Chelsea Ladd** - February 11, 2014 at 04:36 PM

CH

“ Dear Dr. DeMots and family,

*We are sad to hear about Lois's passing. Our memories of all of you are fond. She was always gracious and kind to us. We are sorry that we won't be there on Saturday as we now live in Florida. One special memory I have of her is when your boys were little, she would pack a picnic and bring it to the office and spread out a blanket so your family could have lunch together during lunch break.*

*You are in our thoughts,  
Tom and Cheryl Houghtby*

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**Cheryl Houghtby** - February 11, 2014 at 03:16 PM

IM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May her memory be eternal, and may she rest in peace.  
Our sincere condolences to your entire Family.

*Dr. Inad & Liliane Haddad*

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**Inad Haddad, MD** - February 11, 2014 at 02:52 PM

TX

“ Thailand XXI purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Lois Ann DeMots.



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**Thailand XXI** - February 11, 2014 at 02:36 PM

SC

“ You and Lois were so welcoming when we moved to Adrian and started attending First UMC. Lois invited me to her plant exchange a couple of times, and even though I have moved from Adrian, I have plants in my garden and in the gardens of family and friends that began with her. She taught me that giving plants away is making a deposit in "the bank" for future need. One plant in particular I had been looking for and couldn't find until she shared a bit with me. It was my joy to return the favor when she asked for a re-start a couple years later. There are literal seeds all over Michigan that can be traced back to Lois, in addition to seeds of love, compassion, generosity, and beauty! I am grateful for what she has taught me about life. Every time I give some perennials away, I think of her. When I look at them I remember her loving, giving, nurturing spirit. Many times I have found peace in the circle garden and labyrinth to soothe my soul. I am so sad for your loss.  
Sylvia (& Hayden) Carruth

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**Sylvia Carruth** - February 11, 2014 at 11:59 AM



“ I am an old high school friend. My deepest sympathy to the family

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**Kay Postma** - February 11, 2014 at 10:42 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you during this time of loss. Lois was such a kind and gracious woman who loved her family very much.

*Steven, Debra, Jake and Olivia Cagle*

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**Debra Cagle** - February 11, 2014 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ As a teenager, I was in the hospital recovering from a terrible car accident and Lois was not able to visit as often as she wanted - it was a long drive and she was home caring for her kids and husband. But she made sure I had a rose in my room so that I remembered that she was thinking about me and praying for me every day. The rose was replaced periodically so that it was always fresh and beautiful. This is just an example of the loving sister that she was to me. She was a great Christian example to me of how to be a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, and a friend. A couple of quotes from Hildegard of Bingen, one of Lois' favorites: "The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature." "Humankind, full of all creative possibilities, is God's work. Humankind alone is called to assist God. Humankind is called to co-create. With nature's help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary and life-sustaining." Lois believed in the power of verdant greening and creation to point us to God and lived that way every day of her life. Words cannot express how much I will miss her. The world is a better and more beautiful place for her having been in it.

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**Linda Bareman** - February 11, 2014 at 09:39 AM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have found memories of Lois from First Presbyterian Church when I was a kid.

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**Tammie (Wing) Brainard** - February 11, 2014 at 08:01 AM

RM

“ Dr. DeMots,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Rex and Kim Martin*

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**Rex & Kim Martin** - February 11, 2014 at 07:12 AM

JG

“ *Lois was such an incredible person. We are all better for having known her.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Jamie Goode*

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**Jamie Goode** - February 10, 2014 at 02:22 PM

TL

“ *Lois was always so kind and gracious. We are sorry that we are out of state and unable to extend our condolences in person. We pray that God will sustain you in this time of grief. With sincere sympathy, Tom and Kathy Love*

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**Tom and Kathy Love** - February 10, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BL

*Michael and I were so very sad to hear the news about Lois. She had such a special loving spirit. We will miss her sorely.*

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**Betsy Lackey** - February 10, 2014 at 02:47 PM