



Lois Lord King

November 15, 1925 - April 7, 2015

Lois Lord King, 89, of Butler, passed away peacefully at 12:25 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, while under the loving care of Good Samaritan Hospice Unit at Concordia of Cabot.

Born November 15, 1925, in McKeesport, PA, she was the youngest daughter of the late Charles and Lucy Emma McMillen Stein. Lois was the last surviving member of her immediate family which included seven brothers and sisters, one half-brother and two half-sisters.

A 1943 graduate of McKeesport High School, she attended Seton Hill University and was a 1945 graduate of Westmoreland Hospital School of Nursing. She was a Registered Nurse employed as the head nurse in the delivery room at Magee-Women's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She spoke often of her membership in the Army Nurse Cadet Corps which continued for the duration of World War II.

She married Dr. Thomas W. King Jr. on July 9, 1948, in the First Methodist Church, McKeesport. They were married for 59 years until his death on April 20, 2008.

Following their marriage, the couple moved to Butler County to establish dental offices in both Chicora and Butler. She was office manager for the

practice until their retirement from the Butler office in 1986. She completed certification for school nursing and American Red Cross CPR courses following their retirement from dentistry, and was employed as a substitute school nurse for the Karns City School District for the next several years.

After they moved to Butler, she became a member of First United Methodist Church, of Butler, where she attended services until her recent illness. With a lifetime interest in politics, "One Good Woman Can Make a Difference" was the slogan for her run for the 11st District Representative in the PA General Assembly as the Republican candidate in 1975 having won the primary election by one vote. She had the distinction of being the first female Chair of the Butler County Republican Party. Ever the loyal Republican, she relished meeting both President Richard Nixon and President George H.W. Bush.

She exercised her "bragging rights" to describe in detail her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's educational and athletic accomplishments. In recent years, she spent many nights in front of her computer watching her grandson Willie's hockey games. An avid reader, she most recently enjoyed the company of the members of her book club. Along with her children and grandchildren, she delighted in her travels to Europe, Asia and Mexico.

She and her husband were for many years the proud owners of a host of successful harness horses that raced continuously in both Pennsylvania and Ohio and occasionally in New York or Kentucky. In addition, they raced in Pompano, FL, for several years. At the standardbred sale in Ohio, she selected and purchased the Ohio Sire Stakes Champion Kiss Me Bye.

She is survived by one son, Thomas W. King III and his wife, Marcy, of Valencia; two daughters, Cheryl Ann and her husband Michael E. Walsh Sr., of Butler, and Mary Elizabeth and her husband Edward Owlett III, of

Wellsboro; seven grandchildren, Emma, of Washington, D.C., Caroline, of Arizona, and William Henry King, of Valencia; Michael E. Walsh Jr. and his wife Eliza, of the United Kingdom; Charles Andrew Walsh and his wife Diane, of Pittsburgh; Dr. Jennifer Sue Owlett-Motazedí and her husband, Alexander Motazedí, of Wayne, NJ; and Tricia Elizabeth Owlett, of Berkeley, CA. In addition, she is survived by four great-grandchildren including Makana and Aroha Walsh, of the United Kingdom, and Catherine Beatrice and Andrew Timothy Walsh, of Pittsburgh. Numerous nieces and nephews are among her survivors.

Her strong will and fierce determination to succeed in life touched all of those who knew and loved her. She will be dearly missed.

Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Butler; Good Samaritan Hospice Unit at Concordia of Cabot; or the Butler Area Public Library. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of the Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

Funeral services will be private for close friends and family. Pastor Tim Goodman of First United Methodist Church of Butler will officiate.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I treasure the memories of all the wonderful times we had together. Wearing our khakis and blue blazers and watching the harness races in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Those were the days! Aunt Lois was the best! We love you RIP. Richard J. King, Jr., Berwyn, PA*

Richard King - April 09, 2015 at 06:26 PM

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“ *Dear Cheryl and Mike,
The staff at the Butler Public Library would like to extend our sympathies to you and yours. It is kind of your family to include the library in memorial suggestions. Thank you.*

The staff at Butler Area Public Library

Alice Baptiste - April 08, 2015 at 12:13 PM

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“ *Cheryl, I sure enjoyed your mom's company! What a great sense of humor she had!*

Alice Baptiste

Alice Baptiste - April 08, 2015 at 11:39 AM

JG

“ *She was a wonderful woman! You all have our deepest condolences. Joyce & Alex G.*

Joyce Goettler - April 07, 2015 at 04:37 PM

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“ On behalf of the MSOA Board of Directors, membership and staff, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences to Tom and the entire King family.

A grand lady like "Lucky" Lois will be greatly missed.

Kim Hankins

Executive Director

Meadows Standardbred Owners Association

Kim Hankins - April 07, 2015 at 02:47 PM