



Lois Ann Gottsch

May 12, 1930 - January 5, 2011

Lois Ann Ruff Gottsch was born on May 12, 1930 in Omaha, Nebraska to Louis and Anna (Koke) Ruff. She grew up on a farm near 192nd and Q Streets and she attended grade school at Sunnyslope Country School and graduated from Gretna High School in 1947. As a young girl, Lois enjoyed riding horses especially the Four Abreast Cloverleaf Barrel competition. After high school, Lois worked at the Millard Bank before returning to Business College.

Lois married Robert Gottsch on April 19, 1952 at the Papillion Methodist Church in Papillion, Nebraska and to this union four sons were born: Robert, Jr, William, Brett and Barry. Lois and Bob raised their family in the Elkhorn area.

After college, Lois worked for Traveller's Insurance in Omaha and after her marriage she managed the accounting for the family business. Lois loved quilting and teaching others to quilt. She was involved in the start up of the Cottonwood Quilters and served as president of the Omaha and State of Nebraska Quilters Guild. Lois is remembered as kind, humble, patient, elegant and classy. She loved her family and always welcomed others into her home no matter what the conditions. Lois always had a kitchen full to feed, not only did she have her four boys and Bob to feed and care for, there was always friends, coworkers or cousins to feed, house and clean up. Lois loved taking care of everyone. It was through the tender care of her daughter-in-law Carrie that Lois' final years remained comfortable.

Lois passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at her home in Elkhorn after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 80 years 7 months and 24 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Anna and Bob. Lois is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Robert L. Jr. and Cindy of Hastings, NE, William and Carrie of Elkhorn, Brett and Stacey of Bennington and Barry and Carla of Gretna, NE; 12 grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law Marian (Tana) and Denny Witt of Gretna, NE

Gottsch, Lois age 80 years of Elkhorn, NE

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Ann Gottsch*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Lois. Seems like she lived a full life. And I am sure your family has many wonderful memories of her. At times like this the Bible comforts me so much. Jesus said in John 5:28&29 there would come a time when those in the memorial tombs would hear his voice and come out. This would also be at a time when Revelation 21:3&4 says there will be no more tears, pain or death. This would all happen when God's Kingdom comes, the same kingdom that Jesus taught us to pray for in the Lord's Prayer. What a wonderful prospect for Lois and all those in the memorial tombs now. We express our deepest sympathy. We hope you find comfort in this time of loss.*

Naomi - January 19, 2011 at 06:21 PM



“ *Lois was such a great influence on me and others in the quilting world. She was such a wonderful role model. She saw the potential in me and sent me on the path I am today.*

Cindy Erickson - January 10, 2011 at 11:30 AM

CR

“ Bobby and Cindy:
So sorry for your loss. I regret that I won't be able to attend the visitation or the funeral but my thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Cheryl

Cheryl Siebken Richards - January 09, 2011 at 07:41 PM

DH

“ Our sympathy to your family at this time. Lois was a good neighbor and will be missed.

Don & Carol Harter - January 09, 2011 at 05:39 PM

DE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please except my sincerest condolences. You can always lean upon God in the heavens to give you strength and support. (Psalm 55:22; John 5:28, 29)

Denise - January 09, 2011 at 03:33 PM

PP

“ It is with great sadness that I send my sympathies to Lois's family. What a wonderful person your Mother was! She shared selflessly with all of us in the quilting community, teaching classes and opening her home to many quilt teachers who enjoyed her hospitality. She was a vital part of raising quilting to the lofty heights it has reached in Nebraska. Wherever you saw Lois, she greeted you with a warm smile and friendly words. Thank you for sharing her with us, we will all miss her very much. Sincerely, Peg Pennell

Peg Pennell - January 09, 2011 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ *Lois will be remembered for being so generous and giving of her time and talents. I will especially remember her many kindnesses and encouraging words. She was very special to the Nebraska quilting community and we will miss her. My deepest sympathies to her family.*

Shelly Burge - January 08, 2011 at 07:30 PM

DH

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Lois's family. She had a big impact on me and she influenced my involvement with quilting and quilters in Nebraska. She was truly a grand lady and she will be sorely missed.*

Diane Volk Harris - January 08, 2011 at 02:53 PM

FK

“ *Sorry to hear that Lois is no longer with us but know that she is now in a better place. Lois was a great quilting friend and I cherish the memories of time spent with her at quilt convention and serving on the NSQG board. She was a great lady and will be missed.*

Fay Kliewer

Fay Kliewer - January 08, 2011 at 02:43 PM

JR

“ *Bob, Cindy and family;
We wanted to extend our sympathies regarding the loss of your mother. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*
Jim and Janet Riese

Jim and Janet Riese - January 08, 2011 at 10:02 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Lois was such a wonderful person. So generous with her talents and so patient when a person was in one of her many classes. I hope you all know how many people Lois touched in her quilting life. We have missed her at the state meetings the last years, she always greeted with a smile and somehow she always remembered the people she only saw once a year at the meetings.

Joan Waldman - January 08, 2011 at 09:06 AM

DL

“ *Gottsche Family,*

*We are very sorry for your loss. Lois was a wonderful mother, grandmother and soul...
Now she can quilt all day long with no more worries.*

*Sincerely,
Dave and Marcy Luth*

David & Marcy Luth - January 08, 2011 at 03:24 AM

DD

“ *My sympathy to Lois's family and dear friends. So many of us in the Nebraska quilting community benefited from her generous spirit and humble wisdom. She lives on in our memories.*

Diane Deahl - January 07, 2011 at 05:39 PM

CK

“ *Lois was such a great leader for NSQG and one of the most gracious ladies I have ever met. I have missed her presence at gatherings for NSQG for a long time and wish the family comfort in your cherished memories that remain from years past.*

Carol Kusek - January 07, 2011 at 01:52 PM

BG

“ I know that everyone who knew Lois will remember her as the ultimate hostess and a wonderful caring and giving individual. But those of us who met her through our combined passion for quilting have memories of much more. Lois was a teacher and a mentor. She was one of the founding mothers of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild and she left her mark on the hundreds of quilters who took their first quilting lesson from her. Lois had vision and generosity. We all miss her.

Brenda Groelz - January 07, 2011 at 12:05 PM

JK

“ Lois was a very special lady and touched so many of us thru quilting and the Nebraska State Quilt Guild.

Janet Kugler - January 07, 2011 at 11:34 AM