



Lois J. Bilthuis

April 10, 1943 - April 25, 2026

Lois J. Bilthuis, age 83, of Braidwood passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Lightways Hospice in Joliet. She was born April 10, 1943 in Chicago, the daughter of Louis & Emily (Fremarek) Kochalka. Lois married John W. Bilthuis Sr. He preceded her in death on January 30, 2012.

Lois was a homemaker and provider. She loved cooking for everyone and instilling good values in everyone around her. Lois was a super mom. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

She was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are two sons, John Bilthuis Jr. of Manteno and Don (Jennifer) Bilthuis of Custer Park; one brother, Mike Kochalka of WI; five grandchildren, Jennah, Josh (Elizabeth), Jordin (Israel), Jamee (Rob) and Nathan (Haley); and one great-grandchild, Robert. In addition to her husband, John Bilthuis Sr., Lois is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jim; and sisters, Carol and Roberta.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, also at the funeral home. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

A luncheon will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Manteno Sportsman's Club.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

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*With loving sympathy,
Julie Forbes”
Love you all*

Julie Forbes - May 04 at 01:17 PM

JB

“ *I love you Grandma and already miss you so much. I could never imagine the rest of my life without you... I feel honored that you got to meet your Great Grandson. He will always know who you are! The many memories I have and the strong love we shared will keep your spirit near me forever. I love you.*



Jamee Bilthuis - May 03 at 09:44 PM

KF

“ *Lois was a gem. Her life wasn’t easy with my cousin, Johnny, but she was always kind and supportive, especially when I was going through some difficult times in my life. I will never forget her.*
Kathy Dallman Fillion

Kathy Dallman Fillion - May 02 at 03:26 PM

TO

“ Sending our condolences to the family. We are sorry for your loss. With Love, The Vergara's



Tobie - May 01 at 06:33 PM

EB

“ Lois was my neighbor and my good friend have many good memories we shared together I will miss our birthday breakfasts we always went to for each other we would sit there and talk so long it was almost time for the lunch crowd to come in. And we said we better leave or we will have to order lunch, We had so many good times together I will miss her . May she be happy in heaven with her family. LOVE AND MISS YOU LOIS RIP your an angel Eleanor Briggs

Eleanor Briggs - April 30 at 02:24 PM

EB

“ Eleanor Briggs lit a candle in memory of Lois J. Bilthuis



Eleanor Briggs - April 30 at 02:17 PM

DP

“ I have soooo many good memories. One of the sweetest people I knew as a kid growing up and as an adult. I will never forget her laugh and her positive energy.(I'm very happy she's with my mom again! ❤️)

John and Don many prayers for you and your families.

Love,

Debbie (Delia) Popp

Debra Popp - April 25 at 04:56 PM

PL

“ Lois was married to my cousin, Johnny and she was one of the kindest people I've ever met. I did not know her well, but she added her sweet smile and laugh to the DeGroat family get together when I was a child. Condolences to her family, especially her children and grandchildren. May wonderful memories comfort you.

Patricia Lewis - April 25 at 04:25 PM

JF

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With loving sympathy,

Julie Forbes"

Love you all

Julie Forbes - April 30 at 11:02 PM