

Serafina M. Thiesen

October 9, 1934 - January 18, 2024

KOONTZ LAKE – Serafina M. Thiesen had a date in Heaven with our dad on January 18, 2024 at 10:09 AM. She was born on October 9, 1934 in Chicago to the late Hector Abenante and Rose (Guitilla) Cutie and was 89 years-old at the time of her death.

She lived at Koontz Lake since moving from Chicago Ridge in 1988. On June 27, 1953 in Chicago Serafina married the love of her life Louis Thiesen and together they spent 67 wonderful years together. She was a retired Cook and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walkerton. She had previous affiliations with the Koontz Lake Lions Club, Starke County ABATE, and Country Cruisers Club with her husband. Prior to retiring to Koontz Lake, she was a member of the Chicago Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Most of all, Serafina cherished her family dearly.

Serafina is survived by two daughters Bonnie Riggs of Walkerton and Barbara Barnes of Koontz Lake; two sons Louis (Deborah) Thiesen of Homer Glen, IL and Robert Thiesen of Valparaiso; seven grandchildren Donald, Dustin, Robert, Thomas, Steven, Kyle, and Jenna; many great grandchildren; one sister Shirley Hair; two brothers Michael (Amy) Schoiber and Journey Gene (Bonita) Vestal; and one godson Ken (Diane) Keeler. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one grandson Joseph Thiesen; and one sister Louise Lesko.

Visiting hours will be from 2:00 to 4:00 CST on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Funeral Services will be at

4:00 CST also on Thursday, January 25 at the funeral home. Burial will take place next to her beloved husband at a later date in Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Serafina's memory may be made to David's Courage or Comfort One Hospice.

Red was Serafina's favorite color and the family would like everyone to feel free to wear red as well in her honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
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<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love the Larkens purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Serafina M. Thiesen*.



Love the Larkens - January 25, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ The Oles/Hamstra/Carson Familys purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of *Serafina M. Thiesen*.



The Oles/Hamstra/Carson Familys - January 24, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Serafina M. Thiesen*.



January 24, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Serafina M. Thiesen*.



January 23, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Serafina M. Thiesen.*

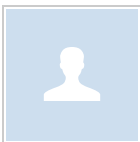


January 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Bonnie and all who knew and loved Serifina. We did not have the opportunity to know Serifina but know of her kindness, fun heart, and good nature. This shared in stories from Bonnie. This emulated by Bonnie. Both speak to the wonderful person of Serifina. Forever live her memory.*

cindy freehauf - January 23, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Serafina M. Thiesen.*



January 22, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *To the most beautiful, kind hearted lady we have ever met. Our fun trips to Laughlin and laughing and playing cards will be in our hearts forever along with Louie. You will be in our hearts forever. Barbie you were the best daughter ever and thank you for all the telephone calls. We love you and your Family.*

Diane Pearson - January 20, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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Barbara Barnes - January 21, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Serafina M. Thiesen.



January 20, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Serafina M. Thiesen.



January 19, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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“ Mom, my life will never be the same without you 💔 my heart is broken. You could not have been a better mom, grandma, or great grandma. This past summer with you is the best summer ever. We had so much fun and made so many wonderful memories. Saying good night and I love you was the highlight of each night for me as I tucked you in bed. I will miss you more than words can say. I am so blessed to have you as my mom. I love you so very much. Please tell dad I love and miss him so much. You will always be my best friend ❤️ you will always be my heart. Thank you mom for everything ❤️ Rest In Paradise. As Dee says, I will speak your name till we meet again save me a seat mom right next to you and dad.

Barbara Barnes - January 19, 2024 at 06:58 PM

NM

BONNIE? I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR YOU HAVE LOST THAT SWEET LITTLE SARADINA. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WORH MANY SWEET AND WONDERFUL MEMORIES. PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL.

Nancy McFarland - January 19, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MM

“ I remember how kind you were to my mom when she was ill, and how much you liked her Italian rice porridge. Bubbles, you define kindness. Love, mike and Mary ann maslanka (your Chicago ridge next door neighbors).

mike maslanka - January 19, 2024 at 05:05 PM

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Barbara Barnes - January 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM

AB

“ My first date....Jacob's soda fountain and the Rialto Theater in Walkerton. XOXO

Andrew Borrelli - January 19, 2024 at 12:46 PM

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Barbara Barnes - January 19, 2024 at 08:46 PM

KW

I will always miss your Mom and her cooking at my parents house June and Bob Phillips, it would be great the family could share your moms recipes, since I am not such a great cook,lol. Her laugh and hugs were wonderful, she was a great lady. Prayers and Hugs to your family. Karen Phillips Wilson and my daughters Lori and Carolyn.

karen wilson - January 21, 2024 at 01:00 AM



Barbara Barnes - January 23, 2024 at 12:59 AM