



F. Louise Schmader

September 15, 1926 - July 20, 2018

It is with a heavy heart and tears in our eyes that we announce the passing of Frances Louise Wolbert Schmader on Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Clarion Hospital. Louise made her special apartment at Highland Oaks at Water Run home since August 2016.

Born September 15, 1926 in Leeper, she was the daughter of Theresa and Conrad Wolbert.

Louise, being the “baby of the family”, had eight brothers and five sisters. Her parents and her thirteen siblings preceded Louise in death.

In 1947 Louise married the love of her life, the late Donald F. Schmader of Lucinda. For 65 years Louise loved, respected, teased, spoiled, laughed with, cried with, comforted, and treasured Don. She felt she had everything in life when she had Don. Louise was the homemaker and Don provided for their family of six daughters.

Louise was a giving, loving woman who enjoyed “her therapy”-stitching, which was one of her greatest joys. She was a master of needlepointing, knitting, sewing, crocheting, etc. Many cherish her handiwork and her creations are treasured in numerous homes. In her earlier years Louise made clothing for the girls. Doll clothes to bridal gowns, Louise kept her sewing machine

humming. Although arthritis caused Louise to not be able to do as much, Louise knitted numerous afghans, Christmas tree skirts, and holiday stockings! Jigsaw puzzles also kept Louise thinking and a 1000-piece puzzle was generally in the works of being completed. She also looked forward to solving the Derrick's daily cryptogram.

For years, Louise always responded with "I'm fine!" Her standard response resulted in a pillow with a dead cow and the statement, "Really, I'm fine!" Her great health helped her live a long life!

A member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Louise's faith carried her through the loss of her dear husband of 65 years, Don Schmader who preceded her in death February 12, 2013 and her oldest daughter, Christine Schmader Wells, September 30, 2006. An infant grandson, Kyle Gates, also went to the Lord on November 16, 1982. With her church family, Louise volunteered in many capacities including helping out at the school cafeteria, serving funeral dinners, and decorating the church sanctuary. She enjoyed her weekly Contemplation Group and treasured all who helped her walk up to Communion in her later years.

Louise's life was filled with many airline trips, road trips, and vacations spent with "the girls" and the seventeen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren she loved so much. Louise always smiled more when she was with "the girls". She loved to hear them laugh and enjoy grand times with their families.

Numerous nieces and nephews survive Louise. She especially treasured time playing cards with her oldest sister's daughters Ruthie Marie Dimerling and Pat Curdo who played cards with her for so many of her later years. Ruthie Marie and Pat traveled every other Tuesday to enjoy lunch, chat, and play cards with her and a dear friend Gerry Weaver. Surviving are her sisters-in-

law, Pat McFarland of Shipperville and Lyn Schmader of Jupiter, FL. Five daughters will miss her deeply: Donna Lebda and her husband, Frank, of IL, Diane Rhoads and her husband, Gary, of OH, Deborah Faller and her husband, Gary, of MD, Cindy Gates and her husband, Gerry, of FL, and Susan Jones and her husband, Cahill, of ID. Louise will remain in the hearts of her sixteen grandchildren: Joshua Wells, Jacob Wells, Paulette Lebda Turk, Douglas Lebda, Gabriel Rhoads, Adam Rhoads, Donald Rhoads, Andrea Faller Atlas, Heidi Faller Medford, Tyler Gates, Emily Gates, Carlye Gates, Austin Gates, Dylan Jones, Hannah Jones, and Parker Jones. Fifteen great grandchildren will miss rocking with her: Madelyn and Jackson Wells, Luke and Zoey Lebda, Kevin, Natalie, Samantha, Adelyn, Henry, and Fiona Rhoads, David and Drea Atlas, Hayden and Chase Medford, as well as Cameron Gates. Louise will forever be remembered; may she rest in peace.

Since in Louise's healthier days she loved stitching of all kinds, one of her favorite quotes was "A Stitcher's Prayer" -Anonymous

Lord, grant that I may see to stitch
Until my dying day,
And when my last short thread is clipped,
And scissors tucked away,
The work that I have done live on,
That other folk may see,
The pleasure I have known, Lord,
In the skill you gave to me.

Louise's family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, with a Christian Wake Service to be held at 3:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 23,

2018 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor presiding.

Louise's hands were always busy which modeled for her children and grandchildren that there is always work to be accomplished in the name of the Lord.

Louise's family is grateful for their friends and neighbors for their ongoing support and compassion. Thanks to the wonderful staff at Water Run who visited with Mom and engaged in conversation. A chance to connect with others and talk was always treasured by Mom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Charitable Deeds of Knox or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Susie,
Our deepest condolences on the loss of your
Mom. May warm memories bring peace and
comfort to you, your sisters, all the
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Karen, Terry, Timothy and Michael Reynolds, Boise, ID*



Karen Reynolds - July 23, 2018 at 05:01 PM

BK

“ *My sincerest condolences to the girls and their families. I have such
wonderfully special memories of your Mom, from her patiently
teaching me to knit when I was in the fifth grade (and then allowing
me to call her at all hours of the day and evening to walk me
through my mistakes); to making lasagne for the family when I spent
a Friday overnight with Chris; to her deep friendship with my
mother; and so much more. A lifetime of memories actually.
I feel fortunate in that mom and I were able to visit with Weesie this
past April. She lost no time in sharing photos and stories about her
kids, grandkids and greats. She had a lot to be proud of and she will
be missed. Betsy Kiser*

Betsy Kiser - July 23, 2018 at 03:14 PM

DL

*Thanks, Betsy. Diane told us about your visit. It was so nice of you to
bring your mom by for a chat. Mom loved to connect with others. All the
best to you!*

Donna Lebda - July 25, 2018 at 02:47 PM

MA

“ *The Duffy family's thoughts and prayers go out to the Schmader family on the passing of Louise Schmader. May she rest in peace.*



Mary Duffy Adams - July 22, 2018 at 07:07 PM

SJ

Thank you Mary. We know that Mom is at peace.

susie jones - July 24, 2018 at 02:59 PM

MA

“ *Mary Duffy Adams lit a candle in memory of F. Louise Schmader*



Mary Duffy Adams - July 22, 2018 at 07:05 PM

SK

“ *My mom , Jean Brothers , was a table mate of your mom so I had the opportunity to visit with your mom quite often. I found her to be a lovely, gentle soul who will surely be profoundly missed. Her obituary was beautifully written and we could actually feel the warmth and love she left you with. Sherry Keefer*

sherry keefer - July 22, 2018 at 02:43 PM

SJ

Thank you so much for your kind words Sherry. Mom will be deeply missed but we know she is at peace.

susie jones - July 24, 2018 at 03:02 PM

SS

“ Dear Diane, Gary, Gabe, Barbara and all,
We are sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person
and such a talented needlepoint artist. So glad your children and
grandchildren have such wonderful memories of her! Take care and
know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Sara, Dan, Isabel and Penelope Sonnet

Sara Sonnet - July 22, 2018 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ Dear Diane, Gary and all the Schmader family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. What a special
person your mother was, Diane. She loved her family, her
grandchildren and great- grandchildren and she will be missed by
you all. We were very blessed to know her and have the opportunity
to talk with her and visit with her at family functions with Gabe and
Barbara. May God ease your loss and may He bless you all.
Love, Sarah and Ron Bogolin and family

Sarah Bogolin - July 22, 2018 at 01:24 PM

GG

“ She was always so willing to help. She will be missed by many.
God's love be with all the family. Love Bob and Geri Greenawalt

Geraldine Greenawalt - July 22, 2018 at 08:08 AM

DL

Thanks, Gerry and Bob. We know that Mom is at peace and happy to
be with Loved ones again.

Donna Lebda - July 25, 2018 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. So sad to see the neighborhood slowly disappearing
Keeping the family in thoughts and prayers.*

Jan Corbett

jan corbett - July 21, 2018 at 09:21 PM

DL

Thanks, Jan! It is sad how neighbors pass on and things change. We hold our memories of happy times playing in the neighborhood.

Donna Lebda - July 25, 2018 at 02:45 PM

RW

“ *Sending our Deepest Sympathy to all the Schmader Family! As long as you have memories she will live on in your Heart! May she rest in Peace! We will keep everyone in our thoughts & Prayers!*



Regis & Pat Walters - July 21, 2018 at 10:39 AM

DL

Thank you. We know Mom is at peace.

Donna Lebda - July 25, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Louise Schmader.*



July 21, 2018 at 06:50 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Louise Schmader.*



July 20, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Louise was such a sweet, kind lady. I always enjoyed my conversations with her at Highland Oaks.*



connie lauer - July 20, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Loiuise.she was the most sweetest little lady. Always had her hands busy crocheting, or doing a puzzle. You all have my sympathy and prayers. She is finally with her love of life. You all have so many memories to hold.*
Sincerely,
Colleen Campbell

Colleen campbell - July 20, 2018 at 02:48 PM