

**Lois J. Wegener, 68**

**Sept. 5, 1945 - July 30, 2014**

**EMMETSBURG** — Lois

Jean Naugle, daughter of Merl and Garnet (Naeve) Naugle, was born on September 5, 1945 in Emmetsburg. Her first day of kindergarten was also her fifth birthday. She was confirmed at the Congregational Church in Emmetsburg. As a young teen she worked at the A & W. Her parents owned and operated West End Grocery Store and the family made their home upstairs of the grocery store. Lois graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1963.



Lois married her sweetheart, Dale Wegener of rural Whittemore, on November 6, 1964 at the Congregational Church in Emmetsburg. They were blessed to have been married nearly 50 years. They are the proud parents of three children: Kim, Brian and Karen. When her children were young, Lois babysat for her nephews, Mark and Steven, as well as area children. She began working in 1978 at Joyce's Foodland in Emmetsburg which later became known as Food Pride. Lois worked there for 34 1/2 years before retiring in the spring 2013. Since marriage, she has been a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg where she served as a Sunday School teacher for 10 years. She was a loving mother who always put her family first. She especially treasured all the times she spent with her grandchildren. From attending all of their activities to times with them at home. They were truly Grandma Lois' greatest joys in life. She loved the winter weather and decorating for the holidays. For nearly 30 years she baked and decorated hundreds of cakes for all occasions. A cancer survivor since 1998, she proudly walked each year with family and friends in the Relay for Life event. She visited and encouraged fellow survivors and was an inspiration to her family and friends. Lois enjoyed reading, puzzles, taking photos and sharing reprints, country music concerts, computer games and planting flowers and working in the yard. She and Dale loved to travel, including trips to places such as Alaska and Hawaii. Lois' sense of humor and love of family will live on through her family.

Welcoming Lois into heaven on July 30, 2014, in addition to her parents, and her in-laws, Robert J. and Tillie Wegener, were her niece, Dawn Huberty and other family members. Cherishing her memory are her husband, Dale of Emmetsburg; children, Kim of Harlan, Brian of Milford, and Karen (Brian) Thilges, and their children, Andrew and Amanda, of Algona, brother, Burdell (Barb) Naugle of Emmetsburg, sister, Lou Ann (Larry) Huberty of Emmetsburg, in-laws, David (Colleen) Wegener of Largo, FL; Lyndon (Mary) Wegener of Prescott Valley, AZ; Ruth (Dick) Matheson of Nora Springs, and Marjorie Benson of Morris, MN; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, especially Nora, Vince and Vera Nelson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 2 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg with Rev. Nicholas Thackery officiating. Honorary casketbearers were her grandchildren: Andrew Thilges and Amanda Thilges. Casketbearers were Mark Huberty, Steven Huberty, Bruce Nelson, Blair Wegener, Duane Matheson and Gary Eischen. Serving as organist was Bev Schneider. Vocalist was Don Biddle. Interment was in St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery, Fairville.

The Wegener family expresses their deep appreciation to Dr. Steven Alberts of the Mayo Clinic Health System in Rochester, MN. Dr. Alberts' God given gifts as a physician and his friendship during the past 16 years has been a blessing. Also to Charissa Mueller of Hospice of the Heartland and her team for their care and support. Online condolences can be made at [martinmatticefuneralhome.com](http://martinmatticefuneralhome.com)

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