



Lois (Kozalka) Arena

February 7, 1940 - December 1, 2020

Lois (Kozalka) Arena, 80, of Berlin, wife of Ralph R. Arena, passed away Tuesday (December 1, 2020) at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Britain, Lois was a lifelong Berlin resident and was a graduate of Berlin High School, class of 1958, and also graduated from Moody's Secretarial School. She was employed at several local travel agencies including, Globe Travel in New Britain. Later, she worked part time for New Britain Transportation Travel Department and Getaway Tours of Bristol as a tour escort. Lois was a member of Berlin Congregational Church; loved being at the Berlin Senior Center; was a member of the Berlin VFW Women's Auxiliary and enjoyed her morning "Call Group".

Besides her husband Ralph, she leaves a brother, Joseph Kozalka and his companion Jane Holmstrom of Kensington.

A private memorial service will be held at Berlin Congregational Church. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. There are no calling hours. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT 06037. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Cemetery

Worthington Ridge
Berlin, CT 06037

Tribute Wall

JM

“ So sorry to hear about Lois. I worked with her many years ago at New Britain Transportation. She was a very kind and caring woman. May she Rest In Peace.

Joyce Marinelli - December 14, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lois. She was such a lovely lady. As a neighbor many years ago, we have a lot of good memories with you and Ralph. Our prayers and condolences to Ralph and the family,
-Patel Family

Meeta Patel - December 11, 2020 at 12:39 PM

NG

“ So many memories - those pajama parties, tennis, after school snacks and choir rehearsal, our laughs at the Card Shop and our lunch forays, the cruise to the islands and the vacation in Bermuda with the girls from Canada. And then you were my Maid of Honor at my wedding. Then, as we got older, our conversations about our problems. I miss you.

NANCY GENTRY - December 07, 2020 at 11:16 AM



Carmen
Cuevas

“ We enjoyed our many visits with Lois over the years. A member of our family and a friend, she always welcomed us into her and Ralph's home for a good chat, some laughs and a wise-crack or two. She related a good many stories of her travels as a tour guide. We will miss those times with her, but always remember them for the happy times they were.

Her cousins, Geoff and Carmen Scripture

Carmen Cuevas - December 06, 2020 at 09:16 PM

“ There aren't enough pages to hold all the words it would take to describe the kind, caring soul that was Lois. Known for her joke telling, she brought laughter and joy to countless groups of travelers and people she encountered in her everyday life, especially those in need of cheering.

Lois was a good listener, not often judgmental, and always well-meaning; we learned a lot from her about friendship. She never let an occasion go by without acknowledgment. Whether it be a phone call or a card, most often one of her crafty creations, she let those she loved know when she was thinking of them.

In our daily phone calls over several years, we shared news/opinions, sale information, recipes, restaurant reviews, etc. And she told us jokes, of course, as she was gifted in that area, including the ability to always remember the punchline.

Some of her other talents included the piano, cooking, baking, and sewing; in fact, she recently shared that she had made pillowcases for she and Ralph for all of their married life.

Generous in time and spirit, quick to offer a ride, or "anything we can do," Lois was a close friend who will be sorely missed. RIP, Dear Lois.

Our deepest sympathy to Ralph and Joe, the two major loves in her life.

Margie & Charlie

ES

“ We were shocked to hear of Lois's passing. She will truly be missed by all her friends. Heaven gained a great lady. So very sorry fo your loss.

Eileen & Joe Sytulek

Eileen Sytulek - December 04, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DO

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Ralph, Joe and Jane at this time. Lois always kept in touch with everyone she knew by calling them and that she was a true blessing to all.

She will be missed.

Dianna and John Orvis

Dianna Orvis - December 04, 2020 at 05:17 PM

WM

“ So sorry to read of Lois' passing. What a sweet lady and neighbor so many years ago. Rest in Peace Lois. You are in our thoughts Ralph.

Wayne & Sharon Mariner

Wayne Mariner - December 04, 2020 at 08:50 AM

LM

“ I remember Lois when I visited my Uncle Sam Valenti and My Aunt Angie Mirante on Paterson Way she was such a nice lady May she rest in peace

louise Anne colamussi Mercadante - December 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM