

LOIS (COOPER) WOLFSON



Beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, teacher, cyclist, square-dance caller, inclusivity advocate and glass ceiling breaker passed away peacefully at the age of 95. She leaves behind a legacy of joy, laughter and love.

Born on July 28, 1928, in Omaha, Nebraska to Elmer David and Esther Margaret Cooper, Lois was a remarkable woman who was dedicated to family and community. She was a proud

Mom to eight children (Tim, Teri, Traci, Tami, Tara, Tedi, Laura, Tommy), a cherished Gram to 16 grandchildren, a GG to 23 great-grandchildren, and offered a safe place for anyone who needed it. She loved her Nebraskan family, the Steinkes, the Fitzsimons and her predeceased sister Margrete Vivian (Cooper) Skeers and brother Colonel Robert Eugene Cooper. Go Big Red!

Lois was known for her vibrant spirit and joyous nature. She was an accomplished coach, teacher and square-dance caller, whose big skirts and welcoming voice encouraged all to join in. Her love for movement extended to coaching, fitness, and cycling, a passion that led her on memorable journeys, including the senior olympics and a remarkable 1,100 mile bike ride to Nebraska in 1986. All the grandkids knew that Gram could cycle circles around them.

An avid tennis player as a young woman (acquiring a collection of tennis cups, (including a state doubles trophy, by the age of 21.) Lois found joy and camaraderie on the court, where her competitive spirit and sportsmanship shone brightly. Lois was an avid supporter for all pursuits that her family took part in-whether it was sports, dance, music, art, a stylish outfit, or a good workout. Her infectious enthusiasm inspired everyone around her to pursue their passions. Lois was proud of you, whatever you did!

A staunch supporter of human rights, Lois was a vocal advocate for equality and empowerment. She celebrated what made each person unique, fostering an environment where everyone felt valued and accepted for who they were. This extended to community groups that she helped to start, including the Square Wheelers and T.R.Y., to help build a more inclusive Pittsburgh.

Lois had a deep love for her family. She created a welcoming home where songs could break out at any time. Her family gatherings were legendary, with everyone invited. If you knew Lois, you had somewhere to go for a holiday or even an extended stay. She had an open home and an open heart.

Lois Wolfson's presence in the lives of those who knew her was a gift-she passes on her resilience, compassion, and unwavering positivity. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is with Tommy now.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you ride a bike, have a beer, invite a friend to dinner, listen to Susan Boyle or cheer enthusiastically while watching your favorite sport.

A Celebration of Lois' Life will be held on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown. Blessing Services will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Warrendale. All who knew and loved her are invited to attend and share in honoring her remarkable journey. Please offer condolences at:

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