



Lois A. Sawicki

February 9, 1932 - September 19, 2014

Lois Ann Sawicki, 82, passed away on September 19th, 2014 at Lakes of Monclova in Maumee, OH. She was born on February 9th, 1932 in Napoleon, OH to Herman and Emma Kolbe.

Lois attended Napoleon High School, graduating in 1950. That same year, at the Red Arrow Inn, she met and fell in love with her future husband, Jerry Sawicki. He was playing saxophone and she was dancing. Less than a year later, they eloped during a winter snowstorm to Indiana and started a life of love and adventure together that lasted 60 yrs. They traveled the world, surviving a plane crash and shipwreck...two of many stories they loved to share with their family and friends. Entertaining, collecting antiques, and cooking were some of her favorite pastimes.

Her devotion to her husband and family was complete.

She is survived by her children, Jana Sawicki (Laurie Benjamin) of N. Pownal, VT, Jill Sawicki (Jennifer Allen) of Carpinteria, CA, Lisa Holman (Dennis) of Toledo, OH and Jerry Sawicki III (Angela) of Toledo, OH.

She was a loving grandmother to her grandchildren, Jessica Bohl (Drew Naprawa), Michael Bohl (Jess Bohl), Alexis Holman, Christine Heyrman (Matt), John Sawicki (Lindsey), Zev Benjamin and step-grandchildren Jennifer Mrkobrad (Matt) and Jeff Holman (Allison). She was the proud great-grandmother to 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Jerry Sawicki, parents and 5 siblings.

Family will be greeting friends and relatives at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, September 26, from 4-7 p.m.

The entombment will be private.

The family requests any memorial donations to be made to the Toledo Alzheimer's Association at 2500 N. Reynolds Rd, Toledo, OH 43615.

Please view Lois' video tribute and leave condolences at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sawicki Family, I am sorry that I cannot be there to celebrate Lois' life and home-going with you. I want you to know that you are in my prayers as you mourn the loss of the heart of your family. As you know, I met Jerry and Lois in Jamaica in 1966, they sponsored my entry into the US to go to Muskingum College and all of you became my US family. I will never forget the smiles, hugs, kindness and generosity that you provided and I will always be grateful for Lois and her acceptance of me into her home and family. Her loving acceptance and yours blessed me beyond measure.*
With Sadness and Gratitude,
Winston E. Gooden

Winston E. Gooden - September 25, 2014 at 05:07 PM

RH

“ *Jerry, I am very sorry to hear of Lois' passing. God will take care of her from here. It was a pleasure to have known her and her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for sharing her with us. God be with you. Ruth LPN*

Ruth Houston - September 25, 2014 at 01:57 PM

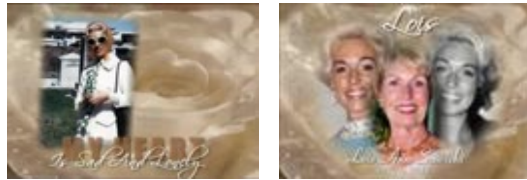
LD

“ *We are very sorry to hear of Aunt Lois' death. I will be unable to attend the service, but please know my thoughts are with you all. Sending our love~*
Lynne (Sawicki), Trey, Katherine, Victoria and Morgan Dye

Lynne Sawicki Dye - September 25, 2014 at 12:43 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 25, 2014 at 10:10 AM

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“ (news article) Lois Sawicki, a support to her husband's business and music ventures who was dedicated to acts of charity, died Friday in Lakes of Monclova Health Campus in Monclova Township. She was 82. The cause of death was unknown. She had dementia, but no other known health problems, her daughter Lisa said. Mrs. Sawicki's late husband, Jerry, was known for his success in real estate and business - and in jazz circles, as a respected saxophonist. "Looking back, she was instrumental in his success. Their successes," her daughter said. "Back then, the wife behind the scenes was doing a lot of the socializing and entertaining and making sure things went smoothly. That's what she did, and she did it well." One year, her husband was away on business 270 days and nights, son Jerry Sawicki III said. She ran the household.

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“*Actually, she was what made my dad,” their son said. “She was the strength behind my dad. She was managing the family affairs. My mother was able to balance time with him and the kids and kept us all together and kept the marriage together. I never met a couple that loved each other as much as they did.”*The couple in the late 1990s moved into a large house they’d designed and built in Springfield Township. They played host there to charitable events in support of Maumee Valley County Day School and Central Catholic High School. The couple were major benefactors to St. John’s Jesuit High School. The school’s music center was built through their donation. She also supported the Toledo Opera Guild and the Toledo Symphony and Central City Ministries. She demonstrated grace as a guest and in welcoming guests to her own home. “I walk up to people with a smile and I tell them my name and ask their name and ask them where they’re from,” Mrs. Sawicki told *The Blade* in 1997. “You try to be a little complimentary about their clothes, a scent, anything that would stand out.” She and her husband invited into their home a young man from Jamaica who’d been orphaned and aspired to a U.S. college education. They played host to a family from Vietnam, and she showed them how to navigate grocery stores. While in the Bahamas, she took supplies that she noticed the residents needed.

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“*“These were quiet things my mom did that weren't always visible,” her son said.*

She was born Feb. 9, 1932, to Emma and Herman Kolbe and was a 1950 graduate of Napoleon High School. She became a fan of her husband and his music from the moment she saw him performing in a Napoleon club and told her date that she was going to marry that saxophonist some day. The couple eloped to Angola, Ind., less than a year later.

She'd weathered difficult times in her youth, but she didn't let it keep her down.

“The thing she told me was 'Put a smile on your face, and the day eventually gets better,' ” her daughter said.

She and Henry J. “Jerry” Sawicki, Jr., married Jan. 27, 1951. He died Dec. 21, 2011.

Surviving are her daughters Jana Sawicki, Jill Sawicki, and Lisa Holman; son Jerry Sawicki III; six grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will greet guests from 4-7 p.m. Friday in Coyle Funeral Home.

The family suggests tributes to the Alzheimer's Association , Northwest Ohio Chapter.

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“ *My Sincere Condolences To The Sawicki Family.
I will never forget her.
Terri Taylor*



Terri Taylor - September 24, 2014 at 11:44 PM

DW

“ *David Westmark lit a candle in memory of
Lois A. Sawicki*



David Westmark - September 24, 2014 at 04:14 PM

DW

Our Sincere Condolences from the Westmark Family

David Westmark - September 24, 2014 at 04:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Lois A. Sawicki.*



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JS

“ *REST IN PEACE lovely lady...*



Jill Sawicki - September 24, 2014 at 01:53 PM

RH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy,Peace be with you all, Roxanne Rogers*

Roxanne Heath - September 24, 2014 at 10:35 AM

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RB

“ *Jerry, so sorry to hear about your mother. Your mom and dad were great friends to mom and dad in their time of sorrow. I will always have great memories of back in the days when i was living on the farm. I learned allot from your dad and still remember when your mom made me try caviar for the first time. If their is anything i can do for you please let me know. May god bless your family. love you cuz ROBIN @ TINA*

Rob Broadway - September 24, 2014 at 09:05 AM

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Beautiful

Roxanne Heath - September 24, 2014 at 10:37 AM

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Jerry and Lois

Jill Sawicki - September 24, 2014 at 01:54 PM

TM

Jerry, It seems like only yesterday when she was making us something to eat. Or giving us a well deserved "Stern Schooling" for our misbehavior. She will be missed.

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The McCormick's.

Tim McCormick - September 26, 2014 at 04:33 PM