



## Lois P. McDonald

May 8, 1932 - December 3, 2019

Lois P McDonald, 87, of Claverack Rd Wysox, PA passed peacefully to her heavenly home on December 3, 2019 surrounded by her loving family and her beloved Honeybear. Lois was born on May 8, 1932 to Harry R and Cathryn Tiffany Pethick in Scranton, PA. She was the youngest, and only daughter, of three children. Lois graduated from Clarks Summit High School in 1950. It was here where she met her husband, Edward W McDonald Sr. They were married on June 20, 1953 and shared 51 years together before Ed's passing in August of 2004. Lois was a dedicated wife, mother, Grammy, aunt, and Ed's sole caregiver after he lost his eyesight. She always spoke of her lifelong dream of having a family of six children. A dream she fulfilled and excelled with. Lois was actively involved in her children's lives as Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout cookie chairman. Her voice could also be heard at Little League games and many other events cheering on her children and grandchildren. Her home was always open and often filled with the sounds of family and friends enjoying a good meal. She was at her happiest cooking for a crowd and enjoying all the never-ending stories shared at these gatherings. She always said she just didn't know how to cook for only two people. Lois was a true patriot and was exceedingly proud of her family's military service. After raising her family, she joined her husband and worked for 25 years in the family pharmacy businesses. In 1978, Lois and Ed bought their first of 3 motor homes and they were off! They were blessed to travel the entire contiguous United States with their dear friends, Bernie and Pat VanDeWeert. They also

traveled abroad visiting Germany twice; once when their son, Ed Jr., was stationed there and again when daughter, Helen, was there. They also enjoyed traveling through Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Holland. She traveled by cruise to Alaska with daughter, Lois, and to Bermuda with daughters, Terry and Helen. Lois loved college and pro football. She was a reluctant Penn State fan, due to family pressure, but she really rooted for Nebraska and Alabama. She was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan and rarely missed watching a game. She enjoyed bingo and slot machines and was quite successful at both. Lois also loved her many dogs over the years but none more than her precious Honeybear. Most of all, Lois loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Almost fifty in total! Lois is survived by her brother, Dick Pethick and Mary; her children, Mike McDonald and Maureen, Ed Jr and Pam McDonald, Terry and Ken Fritchman, Patty Sturzen, and Helen and Lindsay Chamberlain; her adored grandchildren, Cathy, Heather, Mike, Lindsey, Shannon, Erin and Justin, Makenzie and Trent, Julie and Miranda, Erika and Mike, Ed III and Christine, Chris, Matt and Audra, Michele and Dan, Melinda, Dan Jr and Jeannie, Jeff and Julie, Ashley, Scotty, Kelly and Casey and Ashley; twenty great grandchildren and one more on the way; and many loved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Ed Sr, her daughter, Lois, her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Amy Pethick, sisters-in-law, Harriet Pethick, Helen Grahamer, and Betty Whalen, brother in law, Bill McDonald, nephew, Jim Pethick, and son-in-law, Dan Sturzen Sr. Lois was fortunate to be cared for in her own home, with her Honeybear on her lap, by her devoted caretaker Mary. We're grateful for the excellent care provided by Dr. Kari Wood of Troy Guthrie Hospital and Towanda Guthrie Hospice team members. Her last two weeks on this earth were filled with love, laughter, and countless hours of storytelling with loved ones before she passed to her heavenly home. Lois left behind a legacy of love, kindness, and laughter. Her family will celebrate her life with a visitation on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 5 to 8 p.m. and a memorial service on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home

217 York Ave Towanda Pa. Burial will follow at Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA. The family will provide flowers. Those wishing to honor Lois may consider a memorial donation to their favorite charity. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois P. McDonald*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Lois P. McDonald*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Lois P. McDonald*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lois P. McDonald*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Lois P. McDonald*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ I am Gifford Holt, classmate of Lois Pethick McDonald. Was in her class of 1950 as was my brother Herman and we were both very fond of Lois. Remember when she would babysit, she would invite us over to where she was babysitting and we would visit with her. She was a beautiful woman and very sweet. I last saw her and had dinner next to her at our table in Clarks Summit during a small class reunion. It was in 2011 and she brought a book with a picture of classmates that was published ie whatever book that was. So sorry to learn of her passing and I will always remember her. My condolences to her family.

*Respectfully,*

*Gifford Holt*

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**Gifford Holt** - March 11, 2020 at 08:15 PM

JP

“ John Pethick purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lois P. McDonald.



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**John Pethick** - December 12, 2019 at 08:53 AM

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“ the remnants of the Pethick family regret that we are unable to attend the funeral of Lois our cousin , the eldest members especially, I'm recovering from a stroke , and unable to attend services . John Pethick

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**John Pethick** - December 12, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lois P. McDonald.*



December 11, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ *Lois will be surely missed. I loved her as all of you.....I had so much fun with all the family and trips.....she's in my heart for ever..❤️*



**Bernita Rice** - December 09, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Lois's passing. I have many great memories of my time with EM Medical and both Lois and Ed. Trips together, parties, great springboard into my career. Lois taught me the joys of a large family and was like a mom to me when I moved away from mine to start my life. I have thought of her many times over the years, my deepest sympathy to all*

**Lorne Powell** - December 08, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Was a good friend for a long time. She will be missed.*

**ken mitchell** - December 08, 2019 at 01:34 PM