



Lorene M. Knackstedt

May 6, 1936 - December 31, 2025

Lorene Marie Knackstedt, age 89 of Alhambra, IL, died Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, May 06, 1936, in rural Worden, IL, the daughter of Leonard and Norma (nee Oltman) Hosto.

On July 12, 1959, she married Lewis Carl Knackstedt at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL, who survives.

Lorene graduated from Edwardsville High School in Edwardsville, IL. in 1954. After graduation, she worked at Marine Garment Factory in Marine, IL. Following her marriage, she was an Avon representative for many, many years. Lorene and Lewis were blessed with three sons: Rodney, Kent, and Perry.

In addition to attending every sporting event her boys were involved in, she was active in sporting events of her own. Lorene participated in fast-pitch softball, followed by slow-pitch softball until the age of 70. She also bowled in several leagues for 45+ years. Lorene was very active in the Alhambra community throughout her entire married life as she volunteered her time in numerous ways and was active in various clubs and church groups.

She was a member of Salem UCC Women's Guild, holding various offices, Salem UCC church choir, Salem UCC Sunday School teacher for 50 years, Alhambra Community Club, volunteer at the Alhambra Grade School library, a 4-H leader, and a member of Madison County Homemakers Extension club. Lorene and Lewis enjoyed participating in several card clubs and loved to travel to family reunions throughout the years. Lorene loved listening to and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the love of her life, and she attended as many of their events as possible.

Lorene and Lewis recently moved to Cedarhurst Assisted Living in Highland, IL.

Survivors include Survivors:

Sons - Rodney (Kelly) Knackstedt and Kent L. Knackstedt; Daughter-In-Law - Brenda Knackstedt; Grandchildren - Crystal (Ryan) Haselhorst, Jeremiah (Amy) Knackstedt, Briana (Jesse) Eller, Justin (Amara) Knackstedt, Ashley (Sam) Stearns and Bryce Knackstedt; Sister - Alice Stille; Sisters-In-Law - Vicki Hosto and Adelia Hosto; and Great Grandchildren - Mason Haselhorst, Maddox Haselhorst, Everett Knackstedt, Oliver Knackstedt, Bennett Knackstedt, Eloise Knackstedt, Lyle Eller, Louie Eller, Leo Eller and Jace Knackstedt.

She was preceded in death by:

Son - Perry L. Knackstedt; Daughter-In-Law - Carla Knackstedt; Parents - Norma Anna Hosto (nee Oltmann) and Leonard W. Hosto; Grandchildren - Hannah Knackstedt and Nicole Knackstedt; Brothers - Ramon Hosto, Roy Hosto and Brother-In-Law - Wayne Stille.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, January 5, 2026, and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL, with Rev. Jeremy Wood, Salem UCC, officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Cemetery, Salem Memorial Fund, Vincent Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Visitation

JAN 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 West North St.
Alhambra, IL 62001

Tribute Wall

HA

“ *My deepest condolences to Louie! Lorene was such a sweetheart and will truly be missed!* ”

Hannah - February 03 at 08:31 PM

KR

“ *Bryan and I send our sincere condolences to Lewie and the whole family! Lorene was a kindhearted do anything for her family kind of person whom I hold alot of wonderful memories teaching Sunday School at Salem church for 14 years along with Eleanor Hall Nancy Jakel Margie Glassmaker and Loretta Meier...all sweet wonderful ladies gone too soon!* 🙏🙏🙏 ”

Kristine Rutz - January 05 at 02:41 PM

MO

“ *Condolence to the Knackstedt family, Lorene was a very active person, I can remember my Mom and her in a card club together and her participation in sporting events. Prayers to the family. Mike Otto* ”

Michael Otto - January 05 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.* ”



January 05 at 12:10 PM

LK

“ Love, Chase and Morgan Klein purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.



Love, Chase and Morgan Klein - January 04 at 03:03 PM



“ It is hard for me to say this, but today I lost my Great Aunt Lorene Knackstedt. I had the chance to visit and talk with her on my birthday, Sunday, September 28, 2025, about the state of Nebraska. I shared with her that I was living in Omaha, Nebraska, and that I had a new job. She responded, "Megan, I would love to go to Nebraska and see you. It sounds like a lovely place, and I'm glad you are enjoying it there." At that moment, I never expected it would be the last time I would get to visit and chat with her. She gave me the biggest hug that day, and I wish I could have another hug from her now.



New Year's Eve is going to be a difficult holiday for me since I lost my grandpa on December 30 and now my great aunt on December 31. Great Aunt Lorene, please save me a seat beside you in heaven, and I will tell you all about Nebraska and what that state is like. Thank you for loving me for all the years I've known you.

Great Uncle Louie and the rest of the Knackstedt family, you will all be in my prayers during this difficult time. I love you all.

Megan Pfingsten - January 04 at 07:09 AM

TK

“ Tim, Beth, Claire, Mike, Aaron & Kaitlyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene M. Knackstedt.

Tim, Beth, Claire, Mike, Aaron & Kaitlyn - January 03 at 05:41 PM

TK

“ Tim, Beth, Claire, Mike, Aaron & Kaitlyn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.



Tim, Beth, Claire, Mike, Aaron & Kaitlyn - January 03 at 05:41 PM

RR

“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Lorene Knackstedt



Rita Rinderer - January 03 at 01:29 PM

TS

“ Tim & Kathy Stille. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene M. Knackstedt.

Tim & Kathy Stille. - January 03 at 01:01 PM

TS

“ Tim & Kathy Stille. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.



Tim & Kathy Stille. - January 03 at 01:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.



January 03 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.



January 03 at 10:34 AM

PC

“ Plocher Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorene M. Knackstedt.

Plocher Construction - January 03 at 10:34 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lorene M. Knackstedt.*



January 03 at 10:16 AM