



Lois Gene Greer Russell

August 15, 1930 - June 27, 2021

Lois Gene Greer Russell, 90, of Conway and formerly of Magnolia, passed peacefully on Sunday, June 27th in her home surrounded by her family. She was born on August 15, 1930, to Homer Floyd and Julia Powledge Greer. She grew up in Magnolia and moved back to Magnolia in 2000 after living in Lewisville for many years. Lois Gene was a 1948 graduate of Magnolia High School and graduated from Magnolia A & M College, now Southern Arkansas University, where she obtained a business degree.

Lois Gene worked for KVMA Radio for a number of years selling advertising, writing jingles and hosting her own radio programs. She had a wonderful gift of creative writing and music. Through the decades she wrote song lyrics, advertising copy, spots for political campaigns, party invitations, and poems for all occasions including the annual family Christmas scavenger hunt.

Lois Gene married Paul J. Russell, Jr. in 1955. Together they partnered in marriage and in the Russell/Joella Farm for over 60 years where they raised cotton, soybeans, pecans and cattle on the Red River in Lafayette County.

Lois Gene and Paul (who predeceased her in 2013) had one daughter who survives, Jeanie and her husband, Robin White of Conway. She is also survived by two grandchildren whom she loved very much, Russell White and Julia White, both of Conway. In fact, Lois Gene moved to Conway so they could all be together. The three generations, mother, daughter and granddaughter enjoyed favorite hobbies together of gardening, cooking and entertaining.

Lois Gene was part of a very close family. She is also survived by a much-loved brother, Homer F. "Sonny" Greer, Jr. of Magnolia as well as cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Lois Gene was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Margaret Reagan, Mildred Ruff and Marian "Tootsie" Schmidt.

Full of life, with that one-in-a-million smile, Lois Gene will be remembered for her readiness to "go" and her fun-loving, kind spirit. She was genuinely interested in others and made everyone feel important and loved. Friends and family cherished her gifts of chicken pie and fudge. The special fudge recipe was carefully dropped by tablespoons and presented in decorative boxes or tins, always on a white doily which was her special trademark.

Lois Gene was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Magnolia, the Clegg/Open Door Sunday School class, Magnolia PEO Sisterhood Chapter AN, BBB Bookclub, Magnolia Junior Charity League and Follies Dollies. After moving to Conway, she became a member of the Joyful Listeners Small Group at Second Baptist Church. The family extends heartfelt thanks to her special caregivers - Flora Burke, Patsy Glover, and Kelsey Hilemon for their compassionate and dedicated care.

Lois Gene had the heart of a servant. She was a wonderful sister, aunt, mother, grandmother and friend. Her loved ones find comfort knowing she had a host of family and friends who were there to welcome her home.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Magnolia at 1:00 Saturday, July 17, 2021. Dr. Gary Maskell will officiate. The family requests memorials be sent to First United Methodist Church in Magnolia, 320 West Main, Magnolia, AR 71753.

Cemetery

Magnolia City Cemetery

South Washington St

Magnolia, AR, 71753

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

320 West Main, Magnolia, AR, US, `

Comments



“ Sending prayers to her family. My condolences. Gail Griffith

Gail Griffith Selanders - July 24, 2021 at 01:17 AM



“ Danny A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lois Gene Greer Russell.



Danny A. - June 29, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Candy and Rusty Adams
Hot Springs Village AR

CANDY - June 29, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ What a Beautiful lady Mrs. Lois was, I'm so glad to have had the pleasure of knowing her... To Jeanie and Family you are in my thoughts and prayers I love you all.

Patsy Glover

Patsy Glover - June 29, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. She was beyond beautiful and had a very sweet disposition. I know you miss her so much.

Nadine White Moody - June 30, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ It was my absolute JOY connecting Ms Lois and sister Tootsie via facetime every Sunday afternoon. I loved these sisters....they are reunited now
Chaplain Beverly White



Chaplain Beverly White - June 29, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ Sonny and all of Lois Gene's Family. She was always a special girl and I looked up to her and Tootsie in school and to you, Sonny, during my career at the bank. Know that I'm praying for peace, comfort, and God for you all.

Theresa Mitchell - June 29, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear Jeanie and family,
Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Lois Gene was a very special lady with a beautiful soul and a smile that brightened your heart. It was an honor and a gift to know her and to be her friend and neighbor. I miss Lois Gene.
Shirley Shepherd
Conway, AR

Shirley Shepherd - June 29, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ Ms. Lois was a sweet precious lady! We will always have fond memories of her shopping at Stacis and her sweet kind spirit! Also will always remember her in the follies such fun!!! Prayers for the family, Marzette Johnston and Renita Smith

Renita - June 29, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ Lois and I were classmates for many years in Magnolia Public Schools and for two years at A. & M. College (now SAU). Her sister Tootsie and my sister were also friends, and I was fortunate to play in an orchestra with her brother Sonny. My many memories of the Greer family are happy ones. The last time I saw Lois was at our 60th high school class reunion. My condolences to her family and to her brother Sonny.

Charles R Martel - June 29, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ My condolences to Jeanie and family. Your mother was a kind and gracious lady who always had a smile for everyone.

Carol Parham Wright - June 28, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathies to sweet Jeanie & family. I remember Lois assisting Steve Henderson writing the Follies jingle for CMC, fun times & memories. She was a precious, kind soul & will definitely be missed.
With love, Felicia & Greg Moore

Felicia Moore - June 28, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ Love and prayers! Such a beautiful lady! You are in our hearts and prayers!
Philip and Terri Story
Magnolia AR

Terri Story - June 28, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ It was a delight to know Lois and to have her in our small group. We will miss her so much. Our prayers are with your in deepest sympathy. . Pam Holloway

Pam Holloway - June 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ LoisGean was a dear dear friend We had so many good times together ; whether just chatting on the phone , Antiquing , or just Lunching In both of our homes or Doing Lunch!
I will miss her so much! HarriettFranks

harriett franks - June 28, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed. Gay Shore

Gay Shore - June 28, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ Although it's been many years since Lois and I have seen one another, I have many great memories of her. One in particular is standing beside her in the choir at A&M in Magnolia-- we would hold hands at every performance (it calmed our nerves!) My condolences to her family. Geraldine Shaw

Geraldine S. Shaw - June 29, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ She was a dear, dear friend and will truly be missed.

Babe Knowles - July 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM