



## **Lois Audrey Allen**

05/17/1927 - 06/05/2010

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Lois Audrey Allen, nee Brusius, age 83, of Oshkosh and Allenville, Wisconsin, born May

17, 1927, Oshkosh, at rest June 5, 2010.

Dearly beloved wife for 63 years of John, devoted, caring and always concerned

mother (job number one for Lois!) of Russell (Christine), of Winneconne;

Jeffrey (Patty), of Fremont, California; Julie (Robert Odle), of Elkton, Maryland;

Laura, of Madison, Wisconsin; and Richard (Jill Chapman), of Chicago, Illinois.

She was the proud and loving grandmother (a role Lois thoroughly enjoyed) to Ross

and the late Hesston, Kate, Elizabeth, and Jessamyn Allen, Allison and Olesia Odle,

Lydia and Henry Allen. Daughter of the late Clarence and Anna (nee Salzsieder)

Brusius; dear sister of the late Jean (Franz) Bloesel and the late Nile (Dorothy)

Brusius. She is survived by a brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law; Furman (Allene)

Allen of Columbus, Ohio; and Vida Allen, of Oshkosh; and many nieces and nephews.

Lois graduated from Oshkosh High School and briefly worked in 1944 for the U.S.

Treasury Department in Chicago. Like many of her peers of the day, it was at the

dance hall (Eagle's Club) where she met her husband to be; John thought she was the

most beautiful woman he had ever seen.

Baptized, confirmed, and married (November 22, 1946) at Emmanuel Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Lois was later active as a Sunday School teacher and

congregant at the Allenville Community Baptist Church.

Early in the couple's marriage they resided in Waldo, Wisconsin, until moving back to

farm with John's brother, Peter, in Allenville. There, Lois might have been spotted

carrying a milk pail or chasing loose cows, but hardly on a regular basis as she had her

hands full with five children and keeping the farm's books. She tolerated baby pigs or

ducklings brought into the warm basement and an occasional cat to catch a

mouse.

Family and community life occupied her time: 4-H Leader for the Mikesville 4-H Club, Vinland Couples Club, Lamplighters Home Makers and square dancing for 25 years with Fox City Squares.

In addition to spending time with family, Lois enjoyed sewing, attending musicals

and plays at local theatre companies and her 17 years as clerk at H.C.

Prange's

department store (Oshkosh). Visiting her son, Russell's, greenhouses late in life was

a pleasure. An excellent cook, the aroma of home-made donuts or freshly baked

cookies filled the air on cold winter days. She kept a very tidy house and took on

home repair jobs with skill.

Upon retirement she and John traveled across much of the continental United States

and Hawaii, visiting family, friends and taking in a few Broadway productions along the way.

Her last years were difficult due to her affliction with dementia. In lieu of a memorial, the family requests donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association

(<http://www.alz.org/index.asp>).

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne. A

Visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A reception for friends and

family will be held at 6:00 p.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall, Winneconne.

Inurnment in the Allenville Cemetery will be held on a future date.

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