



*A Cherished Mother And Grandmother*

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You are and were... and will forever be  
You loved us throughout a lifetime  
And we'll love you throughout eternity*

*As children, you were our Mom and our strength  
The force upon which we relied  
You helped us grow through life's laughter and tears  
And you always stood by our side*

*You were so strong and worked so hard  
To take good care of us  
Hours spent...such time we can't comprehend!  
Proved your faithful devotion to us*

*And when we brought our own children home  
Your commitment only grew  
You helped them, played with them, and loved them  
As only a Grandmother can do*

*And our children...they came to adore you!  
For you spoiled them with love and affection  
You treasured each one in such special ways  
There are too many examples to mention*

*And though they were denied more days and years  
With a Grandmother as wonderful as you  
You've filled their hearts with sweet memories  
That'll remain a whole lifetime through*

*Dearest Mother and Grandmother, we love you!  
We find we cannot do enough  
To express the depths of our gratitude  
For your sacrifice and your love*

*But trust that you'll be remembered  
On sweetest memories every day  
For you have blessed our lives forever  
Through your goodness, love and strength!*

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Leis J. Backes*

January 5, 1935 — January 13, 2026

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
10:30 am Saturday, January 17, 2026  
St. Isidore Catholic Church  
Columbus, Nebraska

CELEBRANT  
Rev. Joseph A. Miksch

LECTORS  
Emily Pfeifer Rachel Martenson  
Petitions - Anna Backes

GIFT BEARERS  
Mikayla Martensen Mary Backes Taylor Backes

MUSIC  
Lindsay Holy Family Choir

PALLBEARERS-GRANDSONS  
Sam Backes Tim Backes Scott Pfeifer  
Zach Pfeifer Ben Backes Joshua Martensen

HONORARY PALLBEARERS-GRANDDAUGHTERS  
Jessica Mahoney Emily Pfeifer Alison Scott  
Anna Backes Mikayla Martensen Rachel Martensen

INTERMENT  
2:30 pm Saturday  
Holy Family Cemetery-Lindsay, Nebraska

*McKown*  
Funeral Home

Lois was born January 5, 1935, in Lindsay, NE to Sam and Emma (Haffley) Delp. She attended school in Battle Creek through the 9th Grade and in 1950 moved to Omaha where she graduated from South High School in 1953. Lois worked as a bookkeeper for Omaha Paint & Glass Company until her marriage. Growing up, Lois spent time in the summer at her cousin's farm near Battle Creek where she developed a love for farm life.

Lois met the love of her life, Duane Backes, at a dance at Kings Ballroom in Norfolk. They were married on August 11, 1954 at Holy Family Parish in Lindsay. It was a lively day-long event at Duane's parent's family farm. Their union was blessed with 5 children. She and Duane devoted their lives to raising their family and to farming in the Lindsay area.

Lois was actively involved in the Lindsay community and the Holy Family Parish. She was a member of the Parish Council, Ladies Guild, Choir, and the American Legion Auxiliary and spent many hours supporting the parish plant project. She was also proud to serve as a volunteer at her local Madison County voting precinct.

Lois valued education and was a lifelong learner, known to get engrossed in a good book and lose track of time. She also took many classes including cake decorating, baking, crocheting, and computer skills. She enjoyed working in her yard and tending to her flowers and vegetables. She canned and froze much of her produce. The kitchen was her happy place where she cooked and baked with love. Her famous overnight cake, cinnamon rolls, chicken noodle soup and fried chicken were always big hits. So much so, that family members were known to snatch and hide her treats before they were gone so they could enjoy them later!

While she devoted much of her time to working on the farm, Lois also loved spending time socializing with her and Duane's circle of friends and neighbors including card clubs, her birthday lunch club, and other gatherings. Lois' pride and joy was her family. She was happiest when surrounded by them and especially loved her grandkids and great grandkids. She would spend weeks preparing for and making family gatherings special. There was always an overabundance of her excellent cooking and everyone went home stuffed and feeling special.

Lois was a kind, caring, and patient soul. She and Duane created a safe, loving, and supportive home that allowed their family to thrive. Many family members, friends, and neighbors benefited from their caring nature and generosity. Lois was very devoted to Duane and together they made a great team and led a meaningful, prosperous, and happy life.

Lois is Survived by:

Son Steve (Cindi) Backes of Lindsay  
-Grandchildren Sam (Mary) Backes, Jessica (Patrick) Mahoney, and Tim (Taylor) Backes  
Daughter Sue (Lyle) Pfeifer of Longmont, CO  
-Grandchildren Emily (Allen Swanson) Pfeifer, Scott Pfeifer, and Zach Pfeifer  
Daughter Julie (Joe) Hendrickson of Evergreen, CO  
Son Jim Backes of Lawrence, KS  
-Grandchildren Alison (Trent) Scott, Anna Backes, and Ben Backes  
Daughter Jennifer (Jeff) Martensen of Humphrey  
-Grandchildren Mikayla Martensen, Rachel Martensen, and Joshua Martensen  
11 Great Grandchildren

Husband Duane family members:

Sisters Joan Kurtenbach, Marilyn Haney, Joyce Weiser  
Brothers Ken (Janie) Backes, Bill (Ginnie) Backes of Milford

Lois is preceded in death by:

Parents Sam & Emma Delp  
Husband Duane Backes  
Granddaughter Katie Martensen  
Brothers Duane Delp and Richard Delp, Sister-in-law Roberta Delp

Husband Duane's family:

Siblings Sr. Edna Backes, Carolyn Cielocha, Earl Backes, Jackie Backes, Dave Backes  
Brothers-in-law Ken Cielocha, Bill Kurtenbach, Bill Haney, Ervin Wieser  
Sister-in-Law Lenore Backes

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