



Lois Marie Duesenberg

October 1, 1934 - June 12, 2020

Lois Marie Duesenberg, 85, of Clear Lake, died Friday, June 12, 2020, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City.

Per Lois' wishes, her body has been cremated and a private graveside inurnment will be held at Clear Lake Cemetery.

Lois was born October 1, 1934, the daughter of Richard Albert and Helen Annabelle (Wood) James in Worthington, MN. She married H. Milton Duesenberg on April 13, 1952, at the Clear Lake Christian Church.

Lois graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1952, where she was a cheerleader, homecoming attendant and secretary to the coaching staff. She had a host of friends and was involved in various clubs.

Lois was a consummate genealogist who had a love for family.

Lois is survived by her husband, H. Milton Duesenberg of Clear Lake; children, Linda (Daryl) Stelter of Lake Mills, Gail Bridgeland of Des Moines and Dana Jo Duesenberg of Clear Lake; grandchildren, Shawn Stelter, Sheila Stelter, and Shelley Vrchota; great-grandchild, Taylor Stelter; sister, Patricia (Robert) Ruffner; brother-in-law, Paul Hobbs and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; great-grandchild, Tate Hanson; and siblings, JoAnn Hobbs, Gary James and Ronald James.

Cemetery

Clear Lake Cemetery

N. 20th St.

Clear Lake, IA, 50428

Comments



“ Dear H. Duesenberg and family,
I was so sad to hear of Lois' passing today, from my cousin Dee Mosher who lives in Clear Lake and cherished your friendship and familial ties. My sisters Monique (deceased), Michelle, Leslie and I are the daughters of Robert (Bob) Mosher, who was the youngest son of Vern and Birdie Mosher, our grandparents from Rockford IA. We miss them and all our aunts and uncles SO much.

I believe I met you and Lois many years ago at the Duesenberg Reunion, held in Rockford Iowa. I came with my sister Michelle and cousin Gary Govro, who is Dorothy Mosher's son. I also brought my daughter Hannah Monique to the reunion - I believe she was 3 or 4, and that day is still stamped in my memory. I remember Lois giving me a list of Duesenberg gravesites and have kept it. I hope to return someday and find them. I so enjoyed talking to Lois and could tell she loved genealogy! I think there I also met my cousin Ron Mosher who was also big into genealogy, and he wrote and published a wonderful book of the Mosher Family starting with Almon Mosher and Mary Jane Downing, who I guess were our Great-Great-Grandparents, and the parents of Delos Lockwood Mosher (4th son of Almon and Mary Jane) and Flora Isabella Hickman, our Great-Grandparents. Delos and Flora's first son Vernon (Vern) and Bertha (Birdie) Mosher were our grandparents. :) I had to refer to Ron's book to verify all this. :) The link to the Duesenbergs must have had something to do with my love of old cars. My husband and I own classic Jaguars from 1959 and 1974. Not as beautiful as a Duesenberg, which has been my dream to someday ride in one, let alone own one!

My relationship to your Duesenberg family was through Birdie Schmidt Mosher - as her Great-Great Grandfather (I believe), Andrew Schmidt, married Wilhelmina Duesenberg on September 2, 1885! When Birdie passed away, my sister Michelle inherited their Marriage Certificate, which is now framed and hanging in her house in New Mexico. It is such a beautiful document and wonderful link of our families.

I wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you, and I hope that we get to see you again someday. I have wanted to visit Iowa again, but afraid it won't be this summer with the pandemic still causing concerns.

Blessings to you and your family,
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Lori Smith - June 16 at 08:07 PM



“ Just read the Mosher genealogy book - I had it all wrong! My grandmother, Birdie (Bertha Schmidt) Mosher was actually the daughter of Andrew Schmidt and Wilhelmina (Duesenberg) Schmidt. Their house used to be next to Vern and Birdie's house in Rockford IA! my cousins remember the house but said it was torn down years ago.

Please know that I will always remember talking with Lois at the Duesenberg reunion, she was so knowledgeable about the Duesenberg family! I'm trying to find my pictures of that trip but apparently don't have them in my computer's digital files. Do you perhaps remember the date of that reunion? I have my prints from earlier years I can go through and post some of them or email them to you if you'd like to have them.

Blessings and prayers to you and your family.

Lori (Mosher) Smith

Lori - June 17 at 12:10 PM



“ To H. and Family, We were so sad to read about Lois. As you know H. we got to be friends after your amazing Barn Talk at the Cedar Valley Engine Club. And one of the best parts was getting to know Lois. She never quit being a cheerleader for you!
Our Deepest Sympathy,
Mary and Al Koenigsfeld

Mary Koenigsfeld - June 16 at 11:22 AM