



Lois Leonardi-Fontana

February 26, 1927 - January 17, 2009

ALPHA - Lois Elizabeth Fontana, 81, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., formerly of Alpha, passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the home of her son, Bob Fontana, in West Dundee, Ill. after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Alpha, daughter of the late Louis and Laura (Pintarelli) Leonardi. Lois graduated from Alpha High School, the class of 1944.

Lois loved to travel and visited many countries including Italy, Greece, Spain, Cancun and Amsterdam to name a few. She also traveled extensively throughout the United States. Las Vegas was one of her favorite places and she enjoyed her many trips to the casinos. Lois was an excellent cook and took pleasure in preparing home cooked meals for her family.

She was the loving mother of Dawn (Bob) Kowalczyk of Channing, Bob (Carol) Fontana of West Dundee, Ill., Willie (Kim) Fontana of Escanaba, and Kevin Fontana of Elk Grove. Fond grandmother of Laura Kowalczyk of Channing, Scott (Lisa) Kowalczyk of Oswego, Ill., Arianna Fontana of West Dundee, Robbie (Jorie) Fontana of Algonquin, Ill., Tony Fontana of Escanaba, and Jamie Fontana of Escanaba. Proud great-grandmother of Justin, Jonathon, Jacob, Danny, Katie and Isabella. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; special sister-in-law of Virginia and Vira; good friend and companion

to many. She will be missed by all.

Lois was preceded in death by her brothers, Roy, Peter and Ernest Leonardi, and by her sisters, Rose Stockero, Odell Trudell, and Joyce Kopf.

Visitation for Lois Elizabeth Leonardi-Fontana will be held on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Fr. Daniel Moll to officiate.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

Pallbearers will be, Scott Kowalczyk, Robbie, Tony, and Jamie Fontana, and Justin and Jonathon Kowalczyk.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Lois Leonardi-Fontana can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ I am so sorry for your loss Fontana family, just know that she is now with God and is no longer suffering...she will be smiling down on you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers!!

Love you!!!

Shannon

Shannon Ernst - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are very sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
?Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death.?

The Buss Family - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Nicole Werth - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ To the Leonardi, Fontana and Kowalczyk Family: You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.

Patty Alexa - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ A friend of mine just recently sent this to me...
Love you guys,leda

Beautiful Garden

*God looked around his garden,
and found an empty space.*

*He looked down upon his earth,
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
and lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
he only takes the best.*

*He knew that shw was suffering,
He knew she was in pain,*

He knew that she would never get well again.

*It broke my heart to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.*

*For such a big part of me went with you,
the day God called you home.*

Leda Garcia - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Weather willing I will give my love in person. Dawn, Bobby, Willie, Kevin and family...I am sorry to here the news regarding Aunt Lois. She will be in better place full of Grandma's homemade pasta and soup, Ernie and Roys loud laughter, Smudgie's cigars, and her sisters love (Rose, Odell, and Joyce)...the last of my Leonardi Aunt and Uncles has finally joined Grandma and Grandpa...she will be missed. Love John Leonardi and faimily.

John Leonardi - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

The Smiltneeks - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ TO THE KOWALCZYK AND FONTANA FAMILY--PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GREATGRANDMOTHER LOIS. PLEASE FIND SOME COMFORT IN KNOWING HER SUFFERING IS OVER AND SHE IS IN A BEAUTIFUL PLACE NOW YOUR GOOD FREINDS--JOHN AND JOAN WILLIAMS

JOHN-JOAN WILLIAMS - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ God Only Takes The Best
? Christopher Warner

*God saw that she was getting tired
And a cure was not meant to be*

*So he put his arms around her
And whispered "come with me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And watched her fade away*

*Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay*

*A golden heart stopped beating
And a warm loving heart to rest*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us
That he only takes the best*

Arianna Fontana - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM