



## Lois LoElla (Schlund) Stienike

July 15, 1921 - January 13, 2015

Lois LoElla (Schlund) Stienike, 93, of Lincoln, formerly of Grand Island, followed the path God laid for her on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church Sanctuary. Reverend Dr. Theresa Mason will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Ravenna.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Lois was born July 15, 1921 at St. Michael, NE, to Max and Merna (Urwiller) Schlund.

Mother of twelve children, her surviving family includes eleven children, Myrna (John) Altman of Panama City Beach, FL, Renee (Edward) Bohnart of Appleton, WI, Harry (Connie) Stienike of Brady, Kathleen Nennemann of Comstock, Barbara (Harold) Griffin of Lincoln, Patricia (Craig) Schaffer of Valpariso, Kristine Aulner of Grand Island, Darwin Stienike of Ravenna, Lanette Brundage of Grand Island, Pamela (Randy) Smith of Hutchinson, KS, and Kellie (Rick) Norris of Richmond, VA.

Also left are 33 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Stienike, October 28, 2011; her parents; infant son, Elmer Earl Stienike; brothers, Glenn, Edward and Keith Schlund; sister, Lorna Link and infant sister, Maxine; a great grandson; and son-in-law, Eldon Brundage.

Lois grew up on the family farm, graduating from 8th grade at District 56 in

1935 and Shelton High School with the Class of 1939. Following high school, Lois taught at the Shelton country schools.

She was united in marriage to Elmer Wilbur Stienike on January 17, 1942. Upon Elmer's discharge from the service, the couple made their home on a farm north of Wood River for over 30 years. They relocated to Cairo for several years before moving to Grand Island in 1990.

The Head Start Program was an important part of Lois' life in the 1960's. In 1978 Lois started working as executive director at Senior Citizens Industries, which was formed in the basement of the Salvation Army building. She helped the Grand Generation Center secure its current facility and later expansion. During her 41 years with the Industry, she helped secure programming for Adult Day Care, Meals on Wheels, the Foster Grandparent Program and Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She oversaw other centers in Hall County, Wood River, Doniphan and Cairo, retiring at age 86 in 2008.

Involved in community activities and serving on various boards, Lois was a member of the Grand Island Little Theater; served on the Board at the Grand Island YMCA, Heartland United Way, and the advisory board of Lake View Nursing Center. She helped bring the Food Pantry to Grand Island, was instrumental in creating an Alzheimer's support group, served as a delegate to the White House conference on aging and worked with the Grand Island end of life care coalition. Lois was involved in Nebraska senior citizens' council, the mayor's committee on the 'hike and bike' trail, Red Hat Society and the Volkswalk Club.

She was very dedicated to her work receiving many awards for her work with the elderly including 'Independent Woman of the Year Award' from the governor of Nebraska for her work with senior citizens and the community. Lois' hobbies included sewing, singing, music, tap and clog dancing, and playing several instruments. She was also involved in 4-H and Methodist Youth Fellowship. Although Lois was passionate about her gardening, when asked, she said her "grandchildren were her favorite hobby".

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask your gifts be given in her memory to

Adult Day Care Center at Grand Generation Center or Grand Island Public Library Foundation for the Childrens' Department.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N. Elm Street  
Grand Island, NE

## Burial

JAN 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

Highland Park Cemetery  
Ravenna, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois LoElla (Schlund) Stienike*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I had the privilege of knowing and working with Lois from 2000 when I joined Midland Area Agency on Aging to 2008 when she retired as Executive Director of the Grand Generation Center. She was unfailingly kind and considerate to all with whom she associated and I genuinely enjoyed her company. In both appearance and demeanor she was every inch a lady and her energy and drive made the world a better place. She will be missed.*  
*DeAnna Tuttle*

**DeAnna Tuttle** - January 21, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *Forever faith to God, family and friends. Love you always Mom.*  
*Kellie Stienike Norris*

**Rick Norris** - January 20, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. She really was a very special lady. I remember how at Christmas she sewed dresses for all her girls and their dolls to match.*

**Sue (Dethlefs)Johnson** - January 18, 2015 at 07:38 PM

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“ *What a special lady! I an sorry for your loss, but what a life to celebrate. Prayers to the family Carol "Ahrens" Hendrix*

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**Carol Hendrix** - January 16, 2015 at 10:15 AM