

Mildred Louise *Barker* Lawson

BIRTH 23 Oct 1931

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 11 Mar 2008 (aged 76)

Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

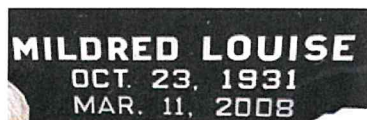
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Heaven welcomed Louise Lawson on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, surrounded by her family and her Pastor. Louise met her Lord and Savior at 6:09 p.m. She died at Carle Foundation Hospital following a brief and sudden illness.

Born on Oct. 23, 1931, to Charles (Mike) and Nellie May Barker. Louise was a lifelong Hoopeston resident. As a teen, she was an usherette at the Lorraine Theater and worked at Shield's Donut Shop for two years prior to her marriage.

She married Okley Lawson on Jan. 5, 1949, and enjoyed 44 happy years together before Okley's death in 1993. Louise was a housewife and mother to her daughters, Charlene (Dave) Ervin and Sharon (the late Bob) Watson.

More than anything, Louise loved being "Gram" to her five granddaughters, Jamee (Jennifer Dix) Ervin, Emily (Brian) Trueblood, Molly (Jeff) Dazey, Megan (Jeremy) Deck and Brianne Reed Howell; and her only grandson, Ian Reed. Her greatest joy was being "Nana" to her 11 great-grandchildren, Derek, Thad, Clay, Gracie Louise, Ren, Lydia, Reid, Brenna, Colin, Elijah and Ryley.

Louise was known as a second mother to many of her daughters' friends. The Lawson house was the favorite spot for get-togethers. After all these years, Louise is still deeply loved by her "adopted" daughters, Debbie Hamilton, Vicki Johnson, Jackie Johnson and Betsy Scheilhardt.

She was a wonderful cook and shared many of her recipes with friends and family. Her spaghetti sauce recipe was frequently requested.

A dedicated member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, there were not many services that Louise did not attend. Her religion was very important to her. She was an active volunteer with Well Baby Clinic in Hoopston. She volunteered every month at Country Terrace Apartments where she held story reading and helped with craft classes. She truly loved being with the residents there and sharing her time with them.

Laughter was what you expected when you spent time with Louise. She had a flair for making friends and having fun with everyone she was with. Her friends and family loved being around her for her wit and personality. She was loved by so many people and her friends were countless. She was known as "Granny" to her coffee group who were so much a part of her life.

Louise will be forever remembered for her guidance and friendship, her teaching and sharing and her love and laughter.

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Family Members

Parents



Charles E. Barker
1890–1945



Nellie May *Ervin* Barker
1891–1974

Spouse



James Okley Lawson
1924–1993 (m. 1949)

Siblings



Inez Marie *Barker* Pearson
1917–1944



Lawrence Thomas Barker
1918–2009



Florence E. *Barker* McCalla
1920–2003

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