



Lois Carolyn Sullenberger

August 9, 1945 - July 3, 2024

Lois Sullenberger, 78, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on July 3, 2024. Born on August 9, 1945, in Arkansas, Lois was one of ten children of the late Eugene and Jeanette Blankenship. She moved to the Tallahassee area at a young age and attended Leon High School. After working in the medical field for many years, she became a dedicated homemaker.

Lois was married to Dr. John W. Sullenberger, who passed away on April 12, 2009. Together, they built a loving family and shared many wonderful memories.

Lois was a deeply loving and devoted mother. She cherished her children, Dean Rakestraw (Debbie) of Tallahassee, FL, Laurie Ann Falk (Mike) of Crawfordville, FL, step-daughters Lance Canter (Bob) of Monticello, FL, and Kathy Bensabat (Mark) of Waveland, MS, and daughter-in-law Suzanne Sullenberger of Tallahassee, FL. She adored her grandchildren—Carson and Kaelyn Falk, Madison and Sarah Rakestraw, Mitchell Canter and Beth Sasson, George and John Bensabat, Catherine and Thomas Sullenberger—and treasured her 11

great-

grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Sandra Morgan and brother Gary Blankenship (Levada).

Lois had a profound love for horses, a passion she joyfully passed down to her daughter and

granddaughter, Kaelyn. She spent countless hours at Little Pond Farm, watching them ride and

caring for the horses. Her dedication was recognized in 2014 when she was awarded the

Southern Hunter Jumper Association's Parent of the Year for her tireless help and support. Lois

also loved spending time with her family on the Ochlockonee River, traveling with them to

fishing tournaments, and enjoying the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jesse Faye Blankenship, Cheryl Ann Blankenship,

Clara Hough, and Von Tumbleson; brothers, Dennis Blankenship, Don Blankenship, and Roger

Blankenship; and her step-son, John W. Sullenberger, Jr.

Special thanks to the staff at St. Augustine Plantation for their love, kindness, and dedication.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wakulla Animal Services (1 Oak Street,

Crawfordville, FL 32327 850-926-0902) or the American Cancer Society.

A celebration will be held at 1:00 PM at Abbey Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. The family will receive guests from 12:00-1:00 prior to the

service.

Lois's legacy of love, kindness, and devotion to her family will be cherished forever by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
abbeyfh@comcast.net

Family will receive guests for visitation on 07/09/2024 from 12pm-1pm at Abbey Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

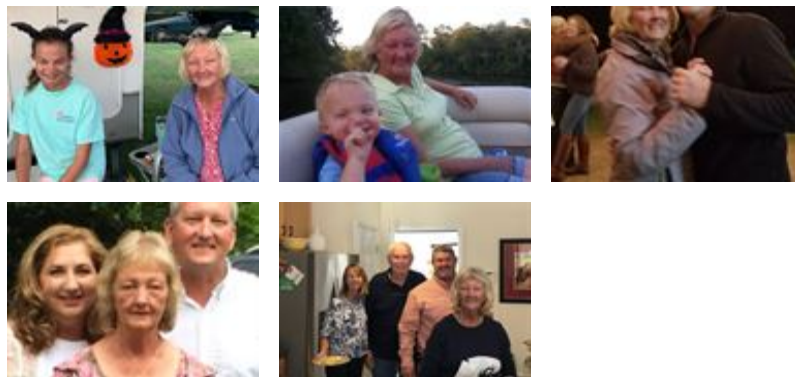
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“ I truly miss you, glad you are at rest with the rest of the family and John.

Levada Blankenship - August 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - July 08, 2024 at 03:49 PM

DM

“ David & Sandy Moore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.



David & Sandy Moore - July 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.*



July 07, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *Hugh Marion purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.*



Hugh Marion - July 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.*



July 06, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Love: Heather, Phillip, and Atlas Leder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.*

Love: Heather, Phillip, and Atlas Leder - July 06, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Lois was a very sweet woman and loved her family. 🙏🙏🙏

Donna Chatham - July 06, 2024 at 02:38 PM

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“ Falk / Baggett Famiky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.



Falk / Baggett Famiky - July 05, 2024 at 10:41 PM

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“ Falk / Baggett Famiky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Carolyn Sullenberger.

Falk / Baggett Famiky - July 05, 2024 at 10:41 PM