



Lois Ann Van Mark

November 1, 1956 - October 27, 2023

Funeral services for LOIS ANN VAN MARK, 66, will be held at 2pm Thursday, November 2, 2023 at North Hills Baptist Church, in Lingle, with Pastor David Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Lois died October 27, 2023 at Banner Community Hospital in Torrington. The casket will be closed. Memorials may be given to Valley Christian School. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Lois was a fourth generation Goshen County resident. Her Van Mark great grandparents homesteaded south of Torrington where the family still farms and her Benzel grandparents homesteaded in the Table Mountain area. She was born November 1, 1956 to Jack Bill and Hanna June (Benzel) Van Mark. She attended Goshen County schools until she and her family moved to the Washington DC area in 1974. After graduating from Springfield High School in Silver Spring, Maryland in 1975, she attended Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating in 1982 with a BA in Fine Arts. She did additional study at Hawk Eye Tech in Graphic Design and the University of Wyoming in Political Science.

Lois managed the family farm south of town. Additionally, served as President of the Goshen County Farm Bureau and Wyoming Wheat Growers. She was appointed, then elected to the Torrington City Council and elected as a

Goshen County Commissioner. While a County Commissioner she famously said to the road and bridge guys-always grade/plow my road last.

Governor Mead appointed her to the Wyoming Wheat Commission where she served as Chairman and represented Wyoming on the Board of Directors of US Wheat Associates. Because of her work with US Wheat Associates she worked to promote purchase of US wheat to foreign buyers by hosting international visitors to Goshen County and traveling abroad to see for herself their unique requirements.

A lifelong Republican she was Chairman of the Goshen County Republican Party and President of the Goshen County Republican Women. She spent many hours in the Republican booth during fair week popping popcorn and talking politics with anyone wanting to visit.

During the George W. Bush Administration and the Donald J. Trump Administration she was appointed as the Executive Director of the USDA Farm Services Administration.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Hanna (Benzel) Van Mark. She is survived by her sisters Ruth Van Mark, Deb (Anthony) Wendtland, and Jackie Van Mark; nephews Kit Wendtland, Taylor (Gabby Moore) Wendtland and Gabriel Sweeney.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

North Hills Baptist Church
101 W 8th St
Lingle, WY 82223
(307) 837-2755

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark* ”



Gayle Hascall - November 07, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Carol Riley lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Van Mark* ”



Carol Riley - November 02, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *So many memories of Lois. A beautiful person with a beautiful heart.* ”

Bonnie Foster - November 02, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.* ”



November 02, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lois Ann Van Mark.

November 02, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ There was never a better person. She personified the values instilled by her parents with kindness and grace. I would say she was tough but fair. Well Done Lois!

Kriss Hovis - November 01, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.



November 01, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.



November 01, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.*



October 31, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Julene Asmus lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark*



Julene Asmus - October 31, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.*



October 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lois Ann Van Mark.*

October 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM

DD

“ *Lois you will be greatly missed. Lois was so kind and generously supportive.* ”



Denise Domson - October 31, 2023 at 08:10 AM

RN

“ *Royce Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark* ”



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - October 30, 2023 at 11:38 PM

KC

“ *Ken & Laura Wood/Jim & Margaret Calloway purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.* ”



Ken & Laura Wood/Jim & Margaret Calloway - October 30, 2023 at 09:26 PM

KC

“ *Ken & Laura Wood/Jim & Margaret Calloway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois Ann Van Mark.* ”

Ken & Laura Wood/Jim & Margaret Calloway - October 30, 2023 at 09:26 PM

SS

“ *Shanna Shasteen-Hamburg lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark*



Shanna Shasteen-Hamburg - October 30, 2023 at 07:15 PM

KR

“ *Kristi Rodekohr lit a candle in memory of Lois Ann Van Mark*



Kristi Rodekohr - October 30, 2023 at 06:31 PM

LB

“ *I could go all day talking about Lois and her giant heart. I remember a trip her and I went on to Colorado to pick up the backhoe that was purchased and we had it all loaded and we're headed down the interstate and i said do we know the heights of our load she said no why do you ask? Well I said we have an overpass coming up and I hope a we clear. There was not enough time to pull over but she was a little nervous and we flew under it and looked at each other and laughed.*

Larry Benzel - October 30, 2023 at 04:51 PM

TF

“ *The Larry Benzel family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lois Ann Van Mark.*



The Larry Benzel family - October 30, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LB

“ *Larry Benzel lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark*



Larry Benzel - October 30, 2023 at 04:29 PM

LB

I wii miss her big sweet smile

Larry Benzel - October 30, 2023 at 04:52 PM

L)

“ *Lisa (kelly lit a candle in memory of Lois Van Mark*



Lisa Lawrence (kelly) - October 30, 2023 at 03:15 PM

BG

“ *Lois will be so missed. I have valued her friendship and have learned so many things from her. Enjoyed her humor, creativity and sense of style. She was a leader and a guiding light for Wyoming Agriculture. A true legacy. My prayers for her family.*

Becky Gerlach - October 30, 2023 at 03:09 PM