

# **Lois Katherine Golike | 1927-2014**

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Lois Katherine Golike, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, in Decatur.

A public memorial service to celebrate her life will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Lois was born Feb. 21, 1927, to the Rev. Claude and Katherine Hawkey in Waterloo, N.Y., where Rev. Hawkey pastored the Waterloo Baptist Church. The family later moved to Michigan where the Rev. Hawkey pastored other churches, and Lois enjoyed visits to her grandparents' farm, a place she remembered with great fondness throughout her life.

In high school, Lois participated in swimming and music clubs and assembled electric motors for wartime demand, earning money for college. After graduating from Owosso High School in 1945, she attended Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis. As part of a summer ministry team, she traveled to the Colorado mountains to teach Vacation Bible School. While in college, Lois met her future husband, and she was married to Charles (Chuck) Golike June 15, 1948, in Alton, Ill.

Lois was a strong believer in Christ. She enjoyed singing in church and community choirs and was often called upon as a soloist. Her children and many others benefited from her involvement in children's ministries and teaching as they grew up attending Evangelical Free Church near Princeton, Minn., where Chuck and Lois owned a small farm. She also sang on Chuck's Christian radio show when the family moved to Grand Junction, Colo.

Through relocations to Nevada and Texas, Lois' faith enabled her to create a home, find friends, change occupations and invest in the lives of others wherever she and Chuck lived. She enjoyed membership and activities with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and took up oil painting later in life, earning a novice blue ribbon at the North Central Texas College Art Show in Gainesville.

Lois' husband, Charles Golike, died Jan. 23, 2014, in Decatur. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Esther Havens; and brothers Paul and Joseph Hawkey.

Lois is survived by their three children and their spouses, Daniel and wife, Terri, Gaile Thulson and husband, Mark, and Kevin and wife, Gloria; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.