



## Mrs. Lois Keen Paladino

May 12, 1926 - January 20, 2021

VINELAND, NJ/UTICA - Lois Keen Paladino, 94, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family and her longtime caregiver.

Lois was born in Vineland, New Jersey, the daughter of John and Bertha Keen. She graduated from Vineland High School and left for Washington, DC to work at the Pentagon as a secretary in the Quarter Master General's office. In 1951 Lois met her one true love, Dr. Frank Paladino, the Intern caring for her mother at Providence Hospital in Washington. They married at St. Albins Naval Hospital Chapel in Long Island, New York on New Year's Day in 1955. Lois supported her husband's dream of opening a practice in his home town, to be closer to family. The couple moved to Utica with their first daughter Lauren in 1956, and Lois worked with Frank to open his medical practice. After raising her three children, Lois's greatest dream of all came true many years later, when she became a grandmother to her first granddaughter Cecelia followed by Alana and Tommy. She was her grandchildren's biggest cheerleader and watching them grow up brought her so much joy.

Lois's lasting legacy is her spirit of love, generosity, and hospitality she showed her family and everyone who came in contact with her. A daily request to Lo came from her children to have their two single aunts join them for dinner. The answer was always yes. In true fashion, she also insisted her grandchildren invite their friends to her shore house in New Jersey. In earlier days she enjoyed hosting parties with our father, allowing us kids to come

downstairs in our pajamas to mingle. Lois's family still reminisces about the Christmas Eves at her house. She loved her nieces and nephews, and shared a special relationship with them. For our mother, life was about bringing the people she loved together, and making lasting memories.

Lois was a Jersey girl at heart. Her favorite place in the world was her family's home in Stone Harbor where she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, family, and friends. She loved serving everyone food and drinks on her dock in anticipation of a great sunset. Lo also enjoyed long walks on the beach, reading, cooking, and playing tennis back in the day with her friends.

Lois was a long time member of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Guild, the Elizabethan Society, and the Yahnundasis Golf Club. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

She leaves behind two daughters and one son, Lauren Paladino of New Hartford, Beth Everson (Tom) of Whitesboro, and Frank Paladino (Mary Cox) of Latham; and her three beloved grandchildren, Cecelia Dorothy Paladino, Alana Lois Paladino, and Thomas Keen Everson. She also leaves all her nieces and nephews she felt close to, Tere Fischer, Jill Ipnar, Cindy Gesford, and MaryAnn Beck; and Mark Keen, Kurt Brackin, Michael Paladino, and her nephew and wife in Vineland, Wayne and Darlene Castellini. She also leaves her son-in-law Tom's and daughter-in-law Mary's families, the Eversons and the Coxs whose long lasting love, friendship, and prayers blessed Lo and her family. She leaves her dear friends, too.

She was predeceased by her husband Frank, her brother Mel, and her sisters Elaine and Diane, in addition to her four sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Our family is forever grateful to Lo's faithful caregiver, Sue Castilla and her family whose love and dedication to Lois for many years enhanced her quality of life. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Lo's caregivers who worked tirelessly with Sue to keep her comfortable throughout her journey: Mary Lein, Muniba Ramovic, Kelly Ross, Emily Roberts, Diane Baker, Amanda Ouimet,

and Sherefé Ramirez. We would also like to thank her doctors, Fred Talarico/MD, Scott Brehaut/MD and their staffs for the care and compassion they gave our mother. Lois's family is also very grateful to Andrea LaQuay and her staff at Nascentia Healthcare, especially Kristy, Jason, and Glenda; and Tina, Liane, Kyrstal, Deacon Wally, and Irene at Hospice & Palliative Care for their exceptional care.

Due to the COVID restrictions, the family will honor and commemorate Lois's life with a private funeral. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Lois' memory to Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church online at <https://mmwsk.org> or by mail to 702 Columbia St., Utica, NY 13502, or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org> or by mail to 4277 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413, or MVHS Foundation online at <http://dev.mvhealthsystem.org/donate> or by mail to 1676 Sunset Ave., Utica, NY 13502. There will be a Memorial Service held for friends and family once the COVID pandemic has eased.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Lois' family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Tribute Wall

MK

“Lois was laid to rest today. She was such a wonderful Aunt and very caring person. The "Keen" family is so spread out that we haven't been able to see that much of each other. But I was fortunate enough to talk to Lo recently. Last year Frank and Mary were visiting Sanibel Island and my wife and I went to see them at their hotel. While there, we face-timed with Aunt Lo (thank you Beth and Lauren). It was so great to talk to her after all these years. She is now at peace in heaven with her husband, sisters and brother (my father Mel). Rest in peace Aunt Lo. You are loved and will be missed. Mark

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**Mark Keen** - February 05, 2021 at 04:54 PM

CG

“Love hugs thoughts and prayers are with you all and cherish all of the great times and memories that you had together!  
Bob and Pat Osowski and Family

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**Cindy Osowski Gardiner** - February 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM

CK

“Beth, Lauren and Frank and Families, So sorry about the loss of your beautiful Mother, Lois. She was such a wonderful and generous person that we feel privileged to have known. Wow! Those Christmas Eve Spreads! Peace to All of You.  
Neil and Claire Karaz-Beswick

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**Claire Karaz-Beswick** - February 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM

RK

“ Laurie, Beth, Frank please accept our sincere condolences. Lo is in our thoughts and prayers. She was a great lady and may you all find peace in the memories from a full lived life. You 3 are great story tellers and I can just imagine the smiles and laughs as you remember the good times. Be well.  
Rich and Pam Karaz

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**Richard Karaz** - February 02, 2021 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ Frank, Lauren, Beth and your families - so sorry for the loss of your mother and my beautiful aunt. She was such a lady and such a fun and pleasant person to be around. Aunt Lois always had a kind word for everyone. She was generous to us all and truly cared about her family, near and far. I have so many fond and pleasant memories of her and Uncle Frank's visits to us here in Florida. Rest in peace, Aunt Lois. You're together again with your brother and your sisters. Love always, Tere



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**Tere Keen Fischer** - February 01, 2021 at 06:51 PM

PK

“ Beth, Tom, and family...Very sorry to hear of the loss of you Mother. My sincere sympathy...

*Patty Klein*

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**Patricia Klein** - February 01, 2021 at 09:11 AM

TT

“ My deepest condolences to my dear friend Lauren and family during this difficult time. Lo was such a beautiful and remarkable woman. I will forever cherish all of her fascinating life stories that she shared with Demi and I during our visits. May she rest in peace in God's kingdom, where there is no more pain or sorrow. Love always, Tammy, Demi and Amanda.

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**Tammy Thrasher** - January 31, 2021 at 01:55 PM

KT

“ I will always remember "Auntie" Lo as the friendliest and nicest person who always made us feel welcome at your home in New Hartford and at Stone Harbor. My deepest condolences. ❤️

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**Keri Toksu** - January 31, 2021 at 12:48 PM

ST

“ My sincere condolences Lauren, Beth and Frank. I have so many fond memories of your mom (Auntie Lo to me). I loved coming over for the Xmas parties when I was little, and also when our families would gather other times as well. Auntie Lo was always so welcoming and kind. I also remember our family visiting Stone Harbor, another happy memory. My thoughts are with you all as you say goodbye to your mom. She was a truly wonderful person. ❤️

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**Sevil Toksu** - January 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM

NZ

“ Beth, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sending condolences to you and your family. Warm regards, Nancy K. Zappone-Tan

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**Nancy K. Zappone-Tan** - January 31, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SS

“ Lauren, so sorry to about your mother passing a way. Prayers go out to you and family at this time.

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**Sandy Salem** - January 31, 2021 at 11:22 AM

BC

“ I'll always remember Lois, so upbeat & beautiful! My wife & I shared great times with her & Frank in Utica, New York City, Florida & our favorite spot: their famous deck in Stone Harbor. So many laughs & memories! Lois, you will brighten up that far better heavenly realm!!!  
*Bob Chancia*

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**Bob Chancia** - January 30, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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*I've admired Lois since I was a young boy. She was always so positive; rain or shine. An inspiration. A beautiful woman, wife and Mother inside and out. We all miss her but only for now! Keep the Faith! Dick Chancia*

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**Richard Chancia** - January 31, 2021 at 01:29 PM