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Lena Evelyn Sons Cornell, affectionately known as "MaMaw," was born on May 10, 1931, in Mitchell, Indiana, to Everett Sons and Edith Fisher. She passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025, in Chillicothe, Ohio, at the age of 94.

Evelyn grew up in Oden, Indiana, where she attended Oden High School. She loved basketball, served as a cheerleader, and had a lifelong passion for rollerskating. It was at the skating rink that she met the love of her life, Robert Cornell. On September 25, 1948, they married while on roller skates-- becoming the second couple in the United States to do so, following closely behind her best friend, who was the first.

Evelyn and Robert moved to Blacklick, Ohio, where they lived on a farm before retiring to Florida. After Robert's passing on September 25, 2009, Evelyn returned to Ohio, where she spent the remainder of her years surrounded by family and friends. She was a devoted fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and rarely missed a game, cheering on her team with the same enthusiasm she brought to every part of her life.

She is survived by her children Theresa D. Cornell Smith (husband Edwin S. Smith), Cristeen L. Cornell Burns (husband Marty Burns), and Theresa R. Cornell Bowman; granddaughter Christina Pratt (husband waiter Pratt), and Christina's children: Walt Pratt (wife Hanna Pratt), Scott Pratt, Joshua Pratt,

and Lisa (Pratt) Perez (husband Michael Perez, son Izac Perez). She is also survived by grandchildren Lena M. Smith Buyaky (wife Brie Buyaky), Deborah L. Smith Hastings (husband Jon E. Hastings), Jared A. Hastings, Levi M. Hastings, and Charlotte E. Hastings; and brothers Jerry D. Sons, Ralph Sons, and Gary Wyane Sons.

Evelyn will be remembered for her joyful spirit, her love for her family, and her zest for life-whether she was on the basketball court, cheering from the sidelines, gliding gracefully across the skating floor, or rooting for her beloved Buckeyes.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lena Evelyn Sons Cornell*



Lois Wilson - August 13, 2025 at 08:37 AM