



## Lois Richard

September 9, 1930 - February 23, 2025

Lois Louise Sandman Richard, born September 9, 1930 in Cincinnati, OH, and passed away peacefully at age 94 on February 23, 2025, in Worthington, OH. A beloved wife, mother, nana, aunt, and friend, she will be dearly missed by many. She is survived by her children, Janette Richard Kelly (Thomas), Karen Richard, and Neil Richard (Valorie Miille), grandchildren Jacob Richard, Emily Kelly, Abigail Richard, and Caroline Kelly, and nieces, nephews and cousins. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Lucille (Donnerberg) Sandman, her brother, Dennis Sandman, her husband, Rodney Bruce Richard, and son, Keith Richard. Lois graduated from the Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing in Cincinnati in 1951, and embarked on a 60-year nursing career. While a student at Bethesda, she met Bruce Richard through letter writing—a fellow classmate's fiancé asked if any of the student nurses would be interested in writing to some of his lonely sailor friends. Lois and Bruce corresponded and eventually met and then married in 1953. They moved to Columbus, OH where Bruce finished college, and started a medical practice in Worthington. Lois was the office nurse and receptionist until the practice grew when she became a stay-at-home mom. She helped with both Boy and Girl Scouts, marching band, was a room mother at Wilson Hill Elementary, and taught kindergarten Sunday School at Worthington United Methodist Church for over 15 years. Widowed at age 46, Lois returned to the work force, mostly to keep active as her children grew. Over the next 30+ years Lois worked as a private duty nurse, a skilled nursing facility nurse, an

insurance company nurse, office nurse, and home health care nurse, finally retiring (for the second time) at age 80. She loved her many dogs, The Sound of Music, and enjoyed watching sports, especially the Columbus Blue Jackets, Cincinnati Reds and Ohio State Buckeyes. However, if asked, Lois would tell you her most important job was raising her children to become functioning adults. The job she enjoyed most was as Nana to her grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at Worthington Christian Village on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 3-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Worthington Christian Village, or the Bethesda Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Worthington Christian Village  
165 Highbluffs Blvd  
Columbus, OH 43235

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Karen, Jan and Neil wish I could have known your mom better. She was wonderful to me. Always with love Maureen (Richard) Canata

maureen canata - March 20, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LB

“ I can't remember a time in my life where the Richard family wasn't there. Dr. Richard was our family physician. Lois was our neighbor and nurse and the kids were all part of our Ridgedale in Northland pack. From family dinners at the long kitchen table to jumping off the diving board to games in the basement and kick then can in the street, we were more like family than neighbors. God bless you all and may you rest in peace Mrs Richard.

Lisa Renee Boucher - March 16, 2025 at 12:56 PM

TK

What a beautiful memory, thank you for sharing it.

Thomas Kelly - March 31, 2025 at 09:24 PM

JN

“ When Dr. Weiss opened his solo office, that was when Lois & I met. We were SO BUSY & about 4-5 times a day- we would break down with hysterical laughter- no doubt to relieve the stress of being so busy! God, I loved those moments ❤️❤️

Jill Noviski - March 15, 2025 at 08:13 PM

BL

“ Laurie and I spent many great times with the Richard family. Our thoughts and prayers go to the entire family.

**BILL & LAURIE YEO**

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**BILL & LAURIE** - March 14, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SB

“ I met Lois because my husband Bill Bond had stayed with the family while playing hockey in Columbus. Lois and her whole family welcomed me and have stayed in touch to this day. Lois always had a wonderful smile for everyone and it was easy to see how she loved her whole family. What a strong loving mentor for everyone she met. RIP GREAT LADY.

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**Susan Bond** - March 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM