



## Lela I. Arras

March 8, 1929 - April 6, 2020

Lela I. Arras, 91 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on April 6, 2020 at Integrity Health Care of Columbia, Columbia, IL. She was born March 8, 1929, in Harrisonville, IL, daughter of the late Walter F. and Amanda, nee Mueller, Pieper. She was married to the late Warren A. Arras. They were married October 15, 1949, in Valmeyer, IL. He had passed away August 18, 2012.

Lela was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL. Lela had worked for the Columbia School District as a cafeteria cook and manager for almost 40 yrs. She loved her work there, being around the children and teachers, and retired at the young age of 74. She touched many lives with her kind heart and friendly smile. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and neighbor.

Surviving are two sons, Gordon (Alice) Arras of Columbia, IL, Aaron (Yvonne) Arras of Columbia, IL; daughter, Lori (Kevin) Vogt of Columbia, IL; grandchildren, Crystal (Troy) Peppers, Heather (Josh) Ballou, Tina (Bob) Young, Patricia (Chris) Fassel, Colin (Jennifer) Vogt, and Kyle Vogt; great-grandchildren, Mickey, Christine, Kaitlyn, and Mason Wallace, Ava Peppers, Olivia Ballou, Katherine Pierson, Ireland Fassel, Hanks and Calvin Vogt; sister-in-law, Bernadette Pieper, along with other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Chris Arras; daughter, Linda Arras; sisters, Alice (Bill) Lueking, Dorothy (Kermit) Hoffman, and Selma Pieper; brothers, Fred (Lillian) Pieper, and Walter Pieper;

All services will be private. Interment will follow in the Kolmer Memorial Cemetery, Waterloo, Illinois.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: St. Paul United Church of Christ, 127 N. St. Paul, Columbia, IL, 62236 . For more information, please access our website, [www.leesmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.leesmanfuneralhome.com). Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled

arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Kolmer Memorial Cemetery**

Waterloo, IL,

# Comments

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“ Lori, Although we didn't know your mother, knowing you is enough to show your Mother's influence of kindness and thoughtfulness. Blessings to you and your family.

**John and Ruth Graves** - April 09 at 10:49 AM

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“ This just made me so sad when I read that Lela had passed away. She was just a wonderful person and boss at the school. She was always just so pleasant to be around. Heaven has gotten one of their angels back. We will never forget you Lela!!  
Ed and Missy (Mitzee) Breeding

**Michelle Breeding** - April 07 at 06:53 PM

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“ Worked with Lela for years at Parkview. She made us cake for our birthday! Always so sweet and caring and loving and just a joy to be around!!!!

**Connie Eplin** - April 07 at 06:05 PM

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“ "Grandma " Lela was an important part of our families life. She was always available for a hug or kind word. She made our daughters lives so much better because she made them feel that she was a part of their family. She was there for them on Grandparents Day when they were alone and attended their baptism as youngsters not babies.

I'm sure she is rejoicing in heaven with the rest of her family. Heaven has gained a true angel.

The Wegner family

**Vicki Wegner** - April 07 at 02:00 PM

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“ Lela was loved by all!! She always made the most yummiest homemade lunches packed full of love for the kids and teachers everyday!!!! She greeted every student and teacher with a smile as she fed us and kept us strong!!! She truly was beautiful inside and out!!!

**Christel Hughes** - April 07 at 12:41 PM

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“ Clara and Lori, I am so sorry to hear this. I sure loved seeing her every day at the nursing home. She was absolutely the Best that Columbia school District ever had. She will truly be missed!

**Gloria Ealy** - April 07 at 12:18 PM

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“ The Arras's were our neighbors for many years ... they built two homes in the area mostly on there own while I was under twelve years old. Still remember hitting up Mr Arras for a nickle so I could purchase a soda.

They were solid people who valued their neighbors and hard work ... could not ask for better neighbors. The world has lost the best of the best .....

**Dennis Killy** - April 07 at 12:16 PM

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“ Lori, you and your family are in our prayers take care, Kevin Hileman.

**Kevin D. Hileman** - April 07 at 09:12 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Lela. What a great example of the human spirit. She was a bright light to our community and to me during high school. Always a smile and always happy to see you. God got a good one. Blessings to your family and know we are thinking of you.

**Ed and Patty Reece** - April 07 at 08:52 AM



“ Gordon we are sorry to hear about your mom. Our love and prayers are with you at this time

**Kay L Jones** - April 17 at 01:52 PM