



## Lucia A. Houk

July 20, 1943 - October 12, 2023

Lucia Antonia Houk, age 80, of St. Anne, peacefully passed away the morning of Thursday, October 12, 2023, with her family by her side.

She was born in Roodevaart, Holland on July 20, 1943, the daughter of Cornelius and Petronella (vandeBerg) Ooijen. Lucia's family traveled to America in December of 1956. They lived in Melvin, Illinois for many years, and she later graduated from Herscher High School. On October 3, 1964, she married Jack Houk. Lucia worked in many occupations over the years. She worked at Permonite Manufacturing, as a server in several area restaurants, as well as Shapiro Developmental Center. Lucia was a dedicated member of St. Anne Catholic Church. She enjoyed volunteering her time for what she was passionate about, such as the March for Dimes and the American Cancer Society. In her free time, she loved to quilt or knit. She was a great cook and poured love into all of her meals for her loved ones. Lucia also had fun playing cards and traveling with her family.

Lucia is survived by her dear husband of 59 years, Jack R. Houk; two daughters, Susan (Rick) Hinrichs and Maria (Brad) Smith; one son, Jackie (Dana) Houk; brothers and sisters, John (Gunda) Ooijen, Antonia (Al) Varney, Adrianna (Denny) Zimmerman, Antonius (Lorita) Ooijen, Petronella Widler, Cornelius (Doris) Ooijen, and Margaret (Ken) Lemke; grandchildren, Ashley (Travis) Brooks, Corey (Andrew) Groff, Whitney (Herman) Groff, Michael

(Bree) Hinrichs, Rebecca (James) Hinrichs, Lucy Houk, and Hazel Houk; three great-grandchildren, Valkyrie, Aries, and Alayna; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Petronella Ooijen; and one sister, Dingena Glenzinski.

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home, in Kankakee, on Monday, October 16, 2023, from 3:00PM – 7:00PM. A funeral mass will be held the following day at St. Anne Catholic Church at 1:00PM. Father Peter Jankowski will officiate. Lucia will be laid to rest at St. Anne Township Cemetery, with a luncheon at the church to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sodality of St. Anne.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Cemetery

St. Anne, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

*Located 1.5 miles EAST of I-57, toward Momence.*

## Mass

OCT **17**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
230 N 6th Avenue  
St. Anne, IL 60964

# Tribute Wall

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“ So said to hear that aunt Lucia, my mothers friend, passed away. My mother Roelie Oudshoorn-Oldenhof was very close to her when they lived in Emmeloord and went to the same school. When Lucia and her family moved to the USA they always stayed in contact by sending cards and very long letters. When Lucia and Jack went to Holland they always stayed for a view days at our home. That was so lovely to meet them. Unfortunately my mother died 24 oct 2017. Hope they'll be together as friends in heaven now. I give Jack and all the family my condolences and all the best wishes. So sad to lose your wife and (grand)mother.

Hugs and kisses

Ria Oudshoorn

Vollenhove

Holland

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Ria Oudshoorn - January 18, 2024 at 09:21 AM

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“ What a wonderful person Mrs Houk was. She was sweet and kind, and, loved her husband, and her family. She fought her illness for as long as she could, but heaven needed another angel, so she went ahead to prepare the way. I didnt know her long, but when my niece Dana became part of her family I had the privilege of making her acquaintance, and how lucky i was to know her for a short time.



My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Houk family at this difficult time.

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Frances Graves - October 17, 2023 at 07:39 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucia A. Houk.*



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October 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *My deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to Lucia's family. May God Bless each one of you and give you strength to cope with your loss.*



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**Cynthia Vickery** - October 16, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucia A. Houk.*



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October 15, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Sorry to learn of Lucy's passing. Condolences to Cousin Jack and the children. Sandra and Bob Bovie*

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**Robert J Bovie** - October 14, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucia A. Houk.*



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October 14, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucia A. Houk.

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