



# Lois Lavinia Reed

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**P**astor LOIS LAVINIA REED age 92 passed away May 19, 2024 in Oakland, CA.

She was born, Lois Lavinia Pope, on May 15, 1932, in Roanoke, Virginia, to Erma Sue Louise Stockton and Clifton Burrell Pope. She married Robert Andrew Price and they had 4 children together in Pittsburgh, PA. They moved to the Haight/Ashbury District in San Francisco during the 1960's where she advocated for social justice issues such as the desegregation of San Francisco schools.

She was the first woman and first black inhalation therapist at UCSF and was the first woman to receive the Chancellor's award and Regents acknowledgments for her work towards civil rights in 1970.

Later, she married Leonard Pete on July 1, 1972, in Alameda, California. They bought a large pink house on 8700 Burr St where her children and grandchildren gathered for parties and holidays. Her husband Leonard passed away on September 25, 1978, at the age of 47.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Health Science at SFSU on May 30, 1980.

Lois loved classical music and would often attend operas with her friends. She lost some of these friends to the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s. During her medical career, she worked in the ICU at Kaiser caring for patients with HIV. While she was a parishioner at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, she dedicated herself to spreading materials about AIDS prevention. Eventually, she retired from her position at Kaiser hospital as a respiratory therapist.

In the 1990's she went to the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA to get her Masters of Divinity. She completed her internship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Oakland, California. She ministered and provided counsel to incarcerated women both in prison and local jails. She was also minister at St. John's Church in Oakland.



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Her final marriage was to David Alan Reed. They have lived happily together for 24 years attending church, and traveling abroad often. It was during this time that she actively advocated for marriage equality in the ELCA, continuing her dedication to social issues and perhaps most importantly reminding us that Jesus wanted us to love each other.

Her final church home was Piedmont Community Church.

Lois is survived by,

Her husband David,

Her children Darcell, Steven, and Stacy, Her stepchildren Jenny Reed, Michael Reed, Alex Reed

Her Grandchildren Amber, Jen, Shannon, Kenya, Jasmine, Jamelle, Dawnn, Mia, Ardiel and Step-grand children TJ, Quinn, Ryan, Aden, and Eden

Her Great Grandchildren Lazeija, Lamar, Sebastian, Jaidah, Aniya, Christian, Azalea

Jonyah, Jozeryah, Arius, Kaylynn, Vasili, Kaheem, Mila, Adira, Nailah, and Zahra

Her Great great grandchild Ronin

Siblings Darnell and Sandra

In Laws Cristina, Anthony, Tony, Donaldson, Joey

She is predeceased by...

-her daughter Christy

-her grandson Bianco

-her brother Clifton

-her brother Dennis

-her sister Beverly

-her sister Gale

-and her brother Michael

Visitation



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JUNE 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PST)

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Funeral Service

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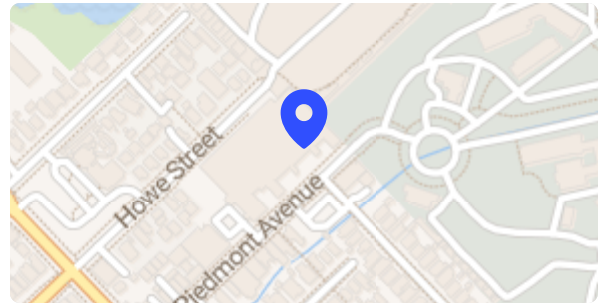
## Visitation

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 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM pst

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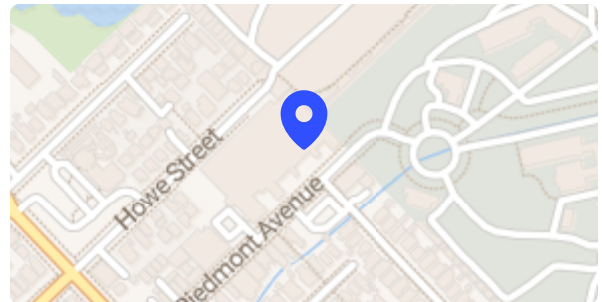
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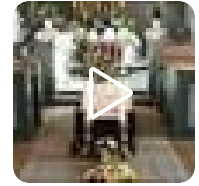
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**Chapel Of The Chimes Oakland** shared a **Webcast Video**.



May 21 at 1:16 PM



**Sandra Short** June 14 at 5:19 AM

There are so many memories that it's hard to pick a few because you've always been there. As your sister who was 5 years younger she could really intimidate me at times. We could recognise that she was so intelligent, focused and a force, even as kids. She could talk your ear off and she loved hard. We were sure that she would have an impact on all that she'd undertake, and she did. As a minister and/or a inhalation therapist in ICU, she studied and worked tirelessly to achieve desired outcomes. Through it all, you were my sister, we laughed and cried together. We debated scriptures together and prayed together. We knew that God was in control and that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord and Savior. I hope that we will meet again in His House. I will listen for your laugh. I will always love and miss you. Sandra



**Kenya Helton** June 5 at 4:15 AM

My grand ma was a strong woman. with ever bit of her heart. And love her grand child. She will be truly missed



**Sharon Stalkfleet** posted:

Dear David and Family, I have wonderful memories of Lois in the early 2000s and so on when she was engaged in the East Bay Lutherans particularly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland. I am remember that wonderful quality of her speaking voice. I truly enjoyed her. Sincerely, Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet

June 14 at 1:35 PM



**Clifton L Short** posted:

Aunt Lous, I'm not sure what we'll miss more, your laughter, or the conversations we had about THE GOODNESS of KING JESUS. Please give our FAMILY our love in my FATHER'S house. Until we meet again, RWG (Rest with GOD)- your nephew Larry and Kellie Short. ❤️

June 14 at 3:50 AM



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**Amber Bowman** lit a candle in honor of Lois.

Grandma you were truly an amazing woman. I'm thankful to have been blessed to be your granddaughter. I pray the angels are welcoming you to heaven playing your most favorite music by Mozart.

May 22 at 5:58 AM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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