



## Theo Jean Walder

November 4, 1926 - June 1, 2019

Theo Jean Walder age 92 of Dixon died Saturday June 1, 2019 at Heritage Square in Dixon. She was born to Robert and Gertrude Lincoln on November 4, 1926 in Rock City, Illinois. Theo graduated from Freeport HS in 1944 and Rockford School of Beauty Culture in 1945. She owned and operated the Theo Jean Shoppe in Freeport where she met her future husband, Warren Walder. They were married in Freeport on May 22, 1949. After Warren's death on Dec. 13, 1994 she married Harold Rhodes on August 2, 1997 and he preceded her in death July 1, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her sister Doris Rees, her son Gregory Lincoln Walder, and stepson Lester Rhodes.

Theo is survived by her son Kirk Walder of Zephyr Cove, Nevada, her daughter Lori Carroll of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, granddaughters Christy Reno of Oklahoma City and Diann Reno of Olney, Texas, nephew Kim Rees of Freeport, Illinois, nephew Tom Paul of Loudon, Tennessee, nephew Andy Paul of Atlanta, Georgia, niece Janet Paul of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, stepsons Bruce Rhodes of Ottawa, Illinois and Matthew Rhodes of Pueblo, Colorado and cousin Ruth Deem of Sterling.

Theo was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Dixon. Throughout her life she volunteered in many church and civic activities including Girl Scouts, as Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, United Presbyterian Woman, and Blackhawk Presbytery Committee. She was one of the original organizers of Meals on Wheels in Dixon and worked with

Volunteers in Probation. She served for 15 years as a member of the KSB Hospital Board, and was a hospice volunteer. She was a longtime member of PEO, chapter KM.

Theo enjoyed gardening, cooking, golf, bridge and family outings. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Theo and her family were very appreciative for all of her caregivers especially the administrators, nurses, aides and volunteers at Heritage Square.

A memorial service will be held on Friday June 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church in Dixon with the Rev. Dr. David Spaulding officiating. Visitation will be on Friday June 7, 2019 from 10:00 AM till time of service at the church. Burial of cremains will follow the service at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the First Presbyterian Church of Dixon, Heritage Square, or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
110 E 3rd St  
Dixon, IL 61021

## Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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110 E 3rd St  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Tribute Wall



“ *Theo Jean Walder*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Theo Jean Walder*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Lori, Kirk and family*

*Sending my sympathy to you and your family. Your Mom was a lifelong dear friend to Mom, Maxine Long. I have wonderful memories of your mom and dad being great hosts at the neighborhood parties/cookouts at your house. Theo was always gracious and kind. I hope knowing your Mom touched so many lives brings comfort during this difficult time. May your many memories be a blessing to you and your family.*

**Sue Long Devers** - June 07, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ *Sue Long Devers lit a candle in memory of Theo Jean Walder*



**Sue Long Devers** - June 07, 2019 at 08:32 AM

SD

“ Lori and Kirk,

*I remember your mom so fondly. From the joint Princess birthday party Lori and I had, to the many sleepovers. She always made the best breakfasts!*

*She was such a good and dear friend to my mom (Maxine Long) for so many years. Their friendship meant the world to my mom.*

*I am sorry for your loss. May your many memories become blessings.*

*Sally (Long) Dorfman*

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**Sally Dorfman** - June 05, 2019 at 01:20 PM


PH

“ Lori and Kirk and family,

*Patti and I always felt that your Mom and Dad set the standard for living an exemplary life. They both had a great sense of humor as when they invited us to dinner in their then-new south side Dixon home and laughingly noted they had disconnected their new blacktop driveway imbedded electrical snow/ice melt cables because it made them dizzy watching the electricity meter dials spin indicating how much money this property enhancement was costing them. We feel privileged to have known them both and to have benefited from their support and friendship and innate kindness. Our sympathies to you all.*

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**patti and mike heckman** - June 05, 2019 at 09:53 AM

 Sarah  
Henry

“ Dear Kirk & Lori,

*Our parents were friends when we were little kids. Your mom is a kind soul that will keep on giving her kindness to us through her memory forever... I will never forget her compassion or spirit. She helped me through many things, just being herself. I'm sure I am not the only one that feels this way. So sorry for the loss of your mom, she is in your/our hearts and will not be forgotten. Thinking of you and your mom in heaven. Peace for you all.*

*Sarah (Wentling) Henry.*

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**Sarah Henry** - June 05, 2019 at 12:59 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Theo Walder



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**kirk e walder** - June 04, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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“*Theo made this a better world because of the life she lived. She was a source of encouragement, sponsorship, love, devotion and happiness to all who knew her. She influenced me in positive ways, and with grace and love. She provided the same to so many others. Her impact on family, friends, the church, PEO, Heritage Square, and to the town of Dixon will remain. I can hear her laugh and feel the warmth of her smile as I write this note. To Kirk and Lori I send my condolences and pray that Theo’s strength will continue to guide you in the days and years ahead.*

*Marilyn Rhodes.*

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**Marilyn Rhodes** - June 04, 2019 at 09:37 AM