

LOIS JEAN VOLBRECHT (OCELLO)



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Accent on Youth 3; ANNUAL
Representative 2; Honor Roll 2,
3; Library Club 1; Honor Soci-
ety 4; Shorthand Certificate,
120 wpm; Student Council 2;
Typing Certificate, 44 wpm.

Web Master Note: Lois's brother Ron writes the following to honor his sister's memory posted on our Class of 1961 website.

On June 4, 2017, on our way up to see our great grandson in CT, my niece called me and told me that her mom (Lois) had just died. I didn't get any details other than she wanted no service or notification in the Ithaca Journal. I believe it would be OK to put it on the website for the class.

Lois and I both went to school in the same grade, so it was probably thought that we were twins. Far from it. We were 15 months apart. She started school when she was 4, with special permission granted by the state of New York. The reason behind it was that I had polio when I was 4, and it was decided that she should be my helper, if needed. As it turned out, I did just fine. We were very close because of this. I was able to serve in the Navy with no limitations.

We both went our separate ways. She went to college, Alfred State. Met her first husband, Max Crooks, who was the father of her 2 children. They were married for 29 years. Lois worked as a paralegal for lawyers for many years. Shortly after moving to Florida, Max passed away. Lois moved back to Ithaca and married her high school sweetheart, Mike Ocello, in 1995. While visiting her son in 2004, she had a stroke. It disabled her left side, so she could no longer work. Everything was fine mentally. After many years Mike developed cancer and died in 2014. Lois moved into a nursing home, and that is where she lived until she died on June 4, 2017.