



## Lila Cammack

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Norma Lila (Wise) Cammack, who was known as Lila to everyone (except Medicare) died peacefully at home in Entiat, WA, on November 14, 2018. She was a lifelong Chelan Country resident. Lila was born on June 22, 1924, at home up Johnson Creek, between Chelan and Entiat, the third of four girls born to Roy and Effie (Fleming) Wise. Moving with her father's employment in the logging industry, she started school in a one-room school at the old Ardenvoir mill camp up Muddy Creek in a class of 3 girls and 6 boys. They later moved to the current Ardenvoir site near the mouth of Mad River. Lila had a wonderful childhood playing in Mad River and roaming the hills above Ardenvoir. She was blessed with a close and loving family who enjoyed spending time together, playing all sorts of games, and spending time with their numerous cousins. Lila attended high school in Entiat, graduating in 1942. On December 31, 1944, Lila married James Cammack, of Entiat, while she was living with her parents in Leavenworth, WA, and he was serving in the United States Marine Corps. After Jim was discharged in 1945, they moved to the Cammack family orchard, where they raised their family, and she lived for the rest of her life.

Family and friends were very important to Lila and get together were always filled with love, laughter, good food, and a variety of games. Lila was a longtime member of the Entiat Federated Church where she had dear friends. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School for many years and was a den mother for Cub Scouts and a Blue Bird leader. Children were her favorite people, as her children, nieces and nephews, neighborhood children, and later, her grandchildren and great grandchildren can attest. She adored her nieces and nephews and we spent a lot of time with our cousins as she visited with her sisters. She was Auntie Lila to the Kensrud family, and they had a special place in her heart.

She retained her love of the outdoors, identifying plants and birds and joining Jim on hunting and fishing trips. Sometimes the hunt was for mushrooms or huckleberries for her wonderful pies. They would even venture out of NCW to go clam digging or smelt dipping with their friends Walt and Billie Doane.

Lila is survived by three children: Dawn McKenzie of Wenatchee, Michael Cammack of Entiat, and Patrice (Garth) Spruiell of Covington, LA ; her much loved grandchildren: Dru, Megan and Cameron McKenzie, and Diarmid and Gwen Spruiell, and their families; two sisters: Nioma Specker and Zola Rook; and sister-in-law, Nellie O'Keefe and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Bobby; husband, Jim; one sister, Mildred Whitehall; and one son-in-law, Wayne McKenzie.

A Commemoration of Lila's life will be held in the late spring or early summer.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ The only name I knew her by was "Auntie Lila". I can remember the times she and my mom would take us on outings up Mud Creek and Mike and I would hunt for frogs and then we'd have a picnic of tuna or bologna sandwiches. Yummm. It seems we were always doing something with Auntie, trips to the lake to swim, picking pie cherries, lots of fun stuff. Pack 16, Den 2. She was my den mother in Cub Scouts. Don't know how she managed 8-10 little scouts racing around but she did. And helped us get our patches and arrows for our uniforms. I never heard a bad thing come out of Aunties mouth or a time when she didn't have a smile on her face. I hadn't seen Auntie Lila for several years, but occasionally thought of her and how our families had such good times together. A very special person. I know if my sister were here she'd agree with me in saying, "thank you Auntie Lila for all the small town memories that you gave us." Peace.

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**david kensrud** - December 01, 2018 at 04:07 PM

JL

“ Dear Dawn, Mike, Megan, family and friends of Lila,

*I am in sympathy with you regarding Lila's death--I do not doubt that she was ready to move on, even though she enjoyed life.*

*I remember Lila's cheerfulness and readiness to laugh! (in spite of not always feeling well) I always enjoyed seeing her--she was a bright part of my day!*

*With sincere regards,*

*Jill LaRue*

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**Jill LaRue** - November 23, 2018 at 08:14 PM



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*Family and friends were very important to Lila and get togethers were always filled with love and laughter. Children were her favorite people as she led both Bluebird and Cub Scout groups and taught Sunday School classes at The Entiat Federated Church where she was a longtime member. She also loved being outdoors from an early age playing on the hills and in the streams where she grew up; identifying plants and birds, gathering mushrooms and berries, and joining Jim on hunting and fishing trips.*

*Lila is survived by three children, Dawn McKenzie, Patrice (Garth) Spruiell and Michael Cammack; her much loved five grandchildren, Dru, Megan and Cameron McKenzie and Diarmid and Gwen Spruiell, and their families; two sisters, Nioma Specker and Zola Rook; and Sister-In-Law, Nellie OKeefe. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Robert; her husband, James; one sister, Mildred Whitehall; and one son-in-law, Wayne McKenzie.*

*A commemoration of her life will be held in the late Spring. Please visit her online tribute at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) and for updated information regarding the commemoration and to add your own memories of Lila. Arrangements are in care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA.*

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November 21, 2018 at 11:56 AM