



## Lois Williams

March 22, 1923 - January 30, 2026

Nearly 103, Lois McGough Williams passed peacefully at her home in Riverwest Assisted Living, Wenatchee, on January 30, 2026.

One of seven McGough siblings, Lois was born in Wenatchee on March 22, 1923. Her early years were spent in East Wenatchee, where she attended the Majestic Flats School on Rock Island Road. The family moved to Cashmere, and Lois graduated from Cashmere High School in 1942.

Lois worked for a short time as a “Rosie the Riveter” in Seattle, then following the footsteps of her brothers, she joined the US Army to serve during World War II.

Upon discharge late in 1945, she returned to Cashmere, where she agreed to a blind date with Donald L Williams. They married on November 2, 1946, and before long found themselves raising a family of five children on their Flowery Divide orchard.

Once the children were all in school, Lois went to work at Frankie’s Apparel in Cashmere. She loved being around people and excelled at helping them spend their money! Lois continued working retail at many stores in the valley, including McBride’s, Robinson’s, Kids Count Too, Clark’s Jewelry, Collins Fashions, and Christopher & Banks, where she ended her sales career at 85. Though retired, she never lost her love of shopping! Lois enjoyed playing Bridge with her Cashmere Club, various family members, and later with Wenatchee groups. She had a green thumb, became an avid reader, and was a wonderful cook. Her holiday candy and cookies

were legendary! She almost always had a very spoiled, small dog companion by her side.

Don and Lois moved several times, living finally in Wenatchee, where he passed in 1990. Wherever she lived, Lois always made friends. She met Loyd Reed while they were both walking their dogs at Garden Terrace. They became dear companions for many years, until his death. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, all 6 siblings (Robert, Beatrice Bearg, Carol Congdon, Gordon, Stan, and Kenneth), her husband, two sons (Dick and Chuck), and son-in-law Carlton Nash. She is survived by two daughters in Wenatchee (Susan Nash and Debbie (Ross) Crollard, son Bob Williams (Debbie) of Marrowstone Island, daughter-in-law Glad Williams of Wenatchee, 8 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Family, friends, and being on the move as much as she could, made for a fulfilling life. With a sharp mind, her hair done, lipstick on, and dressed well, Mom kept going strong until the end.