



## Lona R. Ohlson

November 8, 1914 - January 21, 2012

Lona Ohlson, 97, a 10 year East Wenatchee resident, and former longtime Portland, OR resident, passed away at Central Washington Hospital on Saturday, January 21, 2012 following a brief illness.

She was born on November 8, 1914 at Coulee City, WA to area pioneers, John B. & Edna (Lange) Peterson. The family moved several times during her youth, Libby, MT, Post Falls, ID, and Spokane, WA where she graduated from Lewis & Clark High School. She later moved to Soap Lake where she met and was later married to Peter Eric Ohlson on March 24, 1939 in Soap Lake. They made their first home in Soap Lake prior to moving to Tacoma in the spring of 1941. She was an active member of the PTA during her children's education in the Tacoma schools. The spring of 1952 brought them to Wenatchee. Lona found employment at the Wells & Wade warehouse where she worked on the box ladder machine and the Hesperian Fruit Company packing cherries and working in the cafeteria. They moved to Portland, OR in 1963 and she remained there until moving to East Wenatchee in 2001.

Lona loved to oil paint, her cats, gardening and crocheting. She enjoyed a good rock hounding adventure and camping with family and friends. She was a member of King's Orchard Church of Christ in Wenatchee.

She is survived by her daughter, Randalin "Randy" (David) Earhart, East Wenatchee, WA, 6 grandchildren, Lona Marie Johnson, Tacoma, WA, Candis Morgan, Eugene, OR, Aaron (LaVonna) Johnson, Cinebar, WA, Eric (Lisa) Earhart, East Wenatchee, WA, Shanna (Carl) Brooks, East Wenatchee, WA,

Brennan (Lane'e) Earhart, East Wenatchee, WA, 10 great grandchildren and 6 great, great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995, daughter Roberta Johnson, infant son, and sister, Alene Riehle.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, 2012, 11:00 am at the King's Orchard Church.

In lieu of other tributes, donations can be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society. To send condolences and view online obituary, visit [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Lonas family on the passing of such a vibrant and wonderful lady. I remember the two of them telling stories and lots of laughter. Lona had a special kind of sparkle to her as did my Nana, maybe thats why they were such great friends. Now they're together again in love and friendship....*

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**Kristen Nilsen, 46, Violet McClures Grand daughter** - January 30, 2012 at 04:28 PM

JE

“ *My Great-Grandmother use to tell lots of stories of when she was a little kid. She loved talking to people and being very sociable. She always had a kind heart. She loved the outdoors. She loved horses. She had having her grand kids over to the house and spending time with them, even when when she wasn't able to get around that well, she still enjoyed being at family parties. Even though her stories were very long, it was hard to walk away from them. One of her stories that she like to tell was of all of her rock-hounding adventures and told me how to rock hound and where to go to find certain kinds of rocks. My great-grandma is always happy with a big smile on her face. ~Joseph Earhart, age 11, Great-Grandson of Lona Ohlson*

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**Joseph Earhart** - January 30, 2012 at 01:17 PM

JB

“ *Randy, What great pictures, I love the one of you and your mom. You've been such a special daughter to her. We all have wonderful memories of her. The painting she drew of my grandmas house remains hanging on the wall in my son's house. Beautiful. Lona was a very gifted woman, and we will miss her.*

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**Joyce Burley** - January 28, 2012 at 04:54 PM

LC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lance & Maryann Coleman** - January 26, 2012 at 07:54 PM

LD

“ Lona was so much fun to call, we had lots to talk about and our favorite subject was Days of our Life. Also Maddie and all the fun things she does.

*Randy I will miss her.*

*You and your family is in our prayers.*

*Love Bob & Louise*

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**Louise Davis** - January 26, 2012 at 12:54 AM