



## Margaret Louise Frigard

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Wenatchee, Washington

Margaret "Willie" Frigard died November 5, 2022, of complication from a stroke. She died in her home at RiverWest Assisted Living Community surrounded by her children and her many friends and devoted care givers.

Willie was born Margaret Louise Williams to John and Mary Williams on Sept. 6, 1928, in Oak Park, Illinois. She grew up in Plandome, New York, the eldest of four siblings, Jeff, David, and Karen. She met Edwin Wilhelm Frigard in 1948. They were married in 1949 and set off for Washington State for the adventure of a lifetime. Willie and Ed settled in the small town of Redmond, Washington, population 500.

Willie was a devoted wife and mother to 8 children, instilling in them a sense of humor, independence, and a curiosity to try anything new. Summers were spent at their little cabin near Lake Wenatchee where the family developed their great love for the outdoors. Willie and Ed retired to a home they built themselves at Lake Wenatchee in 1981. They spent many years camping, fishing, mushrooming, berry picking, and legendary snow shoveling. They eventually moved to Wenatchee and spent treasured time with Children,

## Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.

Willie always had time for her wide network of friends and spent many years as a member of the Leavenworth Ladies Golf Association. Willie was a bridge player, quilter, avid reader, and regularly beat her children at cards well into her 90s. She even counted feathers for a friend's craft store to earn pocket money in the early years of her marriage. Willie and Ed were married 63 years. Willie was a very curious person and had a great thirst for knowledge. Her greatest joy was caring for others and making them laugh. She was a stranger to no one and will be sorely missed by family, friends and those who were lucky enough to know her.

Willie was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, sons Samuel and Kris, son-in-law Lynn Cogger, and grandson Andrew Belts.

She is survived by her children Manda (Marc) Leesburg, Daniel Frigard, Patricia Frigard, Peter (Tracy) Frigard, Abigail (Jeff) Ruddock, Rebecca Cogger, her grandchildren Daniel (Jessica) Belts, Lacey Frigard, Jonathan (Lindy) Frigard, Tyler (Doreanne) Ruddock, Matthew Ruddock, Brian (Leanne) Cogger, Amy Cogger, numerous great grandchildren, and many dear friends.

Willie chose not to have a funeral or memorial. Instead, her life was celebrated on her 90th birthday so she could join in the party. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Upper Valley Mend Community Cupboard, P.O. Box 772, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or online <https://www.uvmend.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Some of my fondest memories of Mom is the time we spent as adults and our ever changing relationship. Mom was a member of Leavenworth Ladies Golf Association for years. It was her chance to socialize with all her lady friends. When I took up golf again at about 40, after much encouragement from Mom, I decided to join the group as a chance to have "quality time with Mom". All the ladies were a lot older than myself and I wasn't sure if I would enjoy it....but it was so much fun. When I started I was know to the group as Willie's daughter. After awhile I got quite involved, to Mom's delight, and built my own little niche in the group. Pretty soon Mom became Patty's mother. Mom always joked "when did the tables turn and I became Patty's Mother". She secretly loved it. Mom always loved seeing her children succeed, find our place in the world and do what we loved.

Our relationship grew to a close friendship. We went on several trips together, spent the years after Dad's death redefining her life and enriching mine with so many fun times, some big projects downsizing her big life with Dad, and just enjoying daily phone calls. She always had my best interest at heart and did everything she could to make the future easier for the whole family. her every decision was based on not what was best for her but what was best for the family. That was just part of her nature. I know I will miss all the little moments and fun times we shared, but I am so happy that Mom was in control of her own passing and left this earth on her own terms. I feel her happiness and gratitude with me every day and I know she feels mine. Love you Mom.

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**PATRICIA FRIGARD** - November 18, 2022 at 02:41 PM

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“ My mother in law Willie was a hard working dedicated mother, grandmother, great grandmother and wife.  
What I will cherish most about Willie was her values, friendliness and sense of humor. Not to mention her amazing cooking.  
Willie was a amazing mom managing a home of 7 children and a husband .  
All meals were healthy and made from scratch including bread. She even made clothing and knitted for her family. Her family was always her first priority.  
When you were around Willie whether it was in her home or camping you were going to be well fed, have a excellent visit playing games , being silly and having lots of laughs.  
Willie will be greatly missed but will always have a big place in my heart.  
Daughter in law  
Tracy Frigard

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Tracy Frigard - November 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM

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“ The year we built the cabin near Lake Wenatchee was a magical summer for us all. We six kids ranged from toddlers to teens, and Dad packed us and Mom to a campsite at Nason Creek with a 16' camping trailer and a tent. We stayed the whole summer while Dad worked at Boeing and commuted back and forth on weekends to work on the cabin. I don't think we really understood how extraordinary our Mother was to do this by herself, we were just having fun! I believe Mom was having fun too, although she was sure happy when Dad arrived on Friday night! She was likely the instigator or the dam we built across Nason Creek, just to keep us all busy. I can still see her in her red and white plaid 2-piece bathing suit, up to her butt in water as she moved big rocks into place. With help from Dad after we finished our work on the weekends, we all refined and adjusted the dam all summer long. It lasted a couple of years, and we were all sure it improved the trout fishing for us! The mosquitoes were particularly bad that summer, and in the evenings Mom would load us in the car; sometimes we'd get an ice cream treat at Parkside Grocery, and we'd go park at the Lake Wenatchee dump to watch the bears rummage through the garbage until it was dark enough for the bugs to settle down. Mom didn't seem to mind when we built numerous campfire rings around our campsite, and lit up the night like a bunch of squatters, as long as we didn't start a forest fire. During hot days she'd take us to Lake Wenatchee to swim at the state park. She would sit on the beach and count heads. What a summer we all had, and for all the summers after when Mom would take us back to the new cabin as soon as school was out, returning in the fall when school began again. She was truly an amazing Mom - and backed up by the love of her life, our Dad. We miss them dearly.

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**Mandy Leesburg** - November 15, 2022 at 10:24 AM

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“ Peter Frigard

*I remember my mother as being smart, honest, caring, hard working and especially funny. Wether we were working or playing Willie made everything fun. She was dedicated to helping others. Her home cooking was so good. I especially loved her potato salad and her split pea soup. My mother and I spoke on the phone every Sunday morning for the past few years and always had plenty to talk about. Our conversations were about good times about our families, friends and our love for the outdoors.  
I love you Mom.  
Your son Peter.*

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**Peter Frigard** - November 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories of Mom is coming home from elementary school to the smell of just baked bread cooling on racks in the kitchen. She would give us a slice slathered with melting butter; it was divine and we all fought to get a heel. She taught us to count to 9 at a very young age - that's how many cups of flour went into the bowl for bread. Mom was an enthusiastic camper, getting us all outside by a creek, or lake, or the ocean, and always in the woods. We dammed streams, took hikes, picked berries and muchrooms and fished whenever we could. Mom worked hard so that we could enjoy and appreciate the great outdoors as much as she and Dad did. I know we're all better people because of her efforts. I will miss so many things that were shared with Mom, she instilled a love of sewing and needlework that gave us both a great sense of accomplishment, especially in the last 25 years as we quilted our hearts out together. The wonderful memories are endless, and I am so proud that you were my Mom. I love you, Mandy (I hope you have an ample supply of butter and salt, wherever you are.

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**Mandy Leesburg** - November 14, 2022 at 11:41 AM

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“ My favorite memory of my Mom is how easy it was for her to make friends. Willie loved learning about people and sharing a laugh. She could, and would, talk to anyone she met. Mom was also very witty and funny. She had a smart-alecky response to everything. As kids we would ask 'What time is it' and her response was "half past kissing time, time to kiss again". When we would say 'I'm serious' her response would be "I'm Roebuck, let's start a corporation". Willie had a never-ending supply of puns, quips, quotes, and jokes that she pulled from constantly. She brought a smile to anyone she met, be it old friend or new or complete stranger. Her mission is life was to make people feel good and she excelled at that. Her bright light will shine on in everyone who knew her. Thank you, Mom, for everything. Your loving daughter, Patty.

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**PATRICIA FRIGARD** - November 10, 2022 at 02:59 PM