



Lois C. Smeltzer

January 8, 1926 - June 7, 2021

Lois Christine Smeltzer passed away on Monday, June 7, 2021 at the age of 95. Lois was raised in Troy, Montana by her parents, Henry and Lavina Sanders. The family lived on a ranch outside the small town of Troy, where she helped her father with the dairy by delivering milk around town.

After graduating from high school as valedictorian, she followed her sister, June, to Missoula where they both attended classes at the University of Montana. In her senior year she met her future husband, Jerry Smeltzer, in an accounting class. In 1947 she graduated with a degree in business, got married and moved to Wenatchee the next year when Jerry was hired at Cascadian Fruit Shippers. She volunteered for many years at Mobile Meals, Children's Hospital Guild and the First United Methodist Church.

Lois was known for her quick wit and was able to laugh until the end. She loved music and played the piano until shortly before her death. She enjoyed gardening and spending time in Maui, where she was often visited by her children and grandchildren. One of her real joys was sitting on the deck with family at the Lake Chelan cabin.

She will be greatly missed by her children - Cathy of Lacey, Paula (Doug) of Seattle, and David (Ruth) of Wenatchee; her brother Bob (Betty) of Troy, Montana; grandchildren Kelly (Luther), Carly, Abbey (Ernie), Christina, Nathan

(Katie) and Mark; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry, who died in 2004.

Memorial contributions can be made to Wenatchee First United Methodist Church or to the Alzheimer's Association. Her life will be celebrated in a ceremony later this summer.

Tribute Wall

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“ Cousins David, Cathy & Paula and your families: sorry to learn of our loss of Lois. Although I saw her much too infrequently, I'll continue to remember (along with all the Washington Smeltzer's) with fondness. I hadn't known (or didn't recall) that your parents had met at the University of Montana. Little wonder your parents held the University in such high regard. We will miss Lois' annual Christmas missive that kept us updated on your comings & goings.

Preston Smeltzer

Preston Smeltzer - July 12, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Knowing Lois was a gift. Being a member of the extended family we saw her often and each time she was so happy to see us. Many holidays were shared and fun times at the lake. I remember her always loving on her grandchildren. She had a beautiful condo that she allowed us to stay overnight in while she was out of town. She will be truly missed by all those that knew her. God, thank you for her life.

Cherie & Maurice Feryn

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“ When I was a teenager, Lois was always so welcoming to have me over to spend time with Cathy. She always wore a smile and her sense of humor brightened any day. She never seemed to age over the years and her sincere caring for others was a gift. 💕 Joan Hicks

Joan Hicks - June 30, 2021 at 06:01 PM