



Lois Edna Painter

December 17, 1926 - September 28, 2018

Lois Edna (Sonnichsen) Painter, passed away on Friday, September 28, 2018 in Ephrata, WA.

She was born on December 17, 1926 in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. She was the third of four children born to Peter Richard and Sarah Elizabeth (Lamb) Sonnichsen.

In 1935 the family moved to Washington State, living in Wenatchee, Twisp and Winthrop.

During her lifetime Lois had a love of horses and was chosen Methow Valley Rodeo Queen in 1945.

On October 26, 1946 she married Lawrence L. Painter and they made their home in Winthrop. They eventually moved to Pearrygin Lake State Park to raise their family, where Larry was the ranger.

The family spent summers camping, fishing and trips to the ocean.

Lois loved to be outdoors. She always had a large yard, garden and beautiful flower beds. She enjoyed painting, sewing, quilting, snowmobiling, traveling, and reading.

After Larry's passing, she moved to Ephrata, Washington to be near her daughters, where she lived until she passed.

She is survived by her four daughters, Lynda (Glen) Hagy of Ephrata, Washington; Marcia Painter of Richland, Washington; Marilyn (Richard) Littleton of Ephrata, Washington and Jennifer Northcott of Winthrop, Washington; her two sister-in-laws, Rosie Sonnichsen of Moses Lake,

Washington and Ellen Sonnichsen, of Louisiana. She has 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence L. Painter, her parents, Peter and Sarah Sonnichsen, her two brothers, Arthur and Lyle Sonnichsen and her sister Elsie Conley.

By her request, there will be no service. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Lynda, Marcia, Marilyn and Jennifer: It was sad to hear of the passing of Lois. The Painters lived at the bottom of ‘logging truck hill’ in Winthrop. Their home was the place to stop before walking your bike up the long hill, stop your sled before going into ‘traffic’, make sure your skis were on tight or just to say hi. Growing up in the day when you were welcome at a friend’s house for a drink of water or long play times. I remember the fun times with a smile and I am so sorry for the loss of a wonderful “Mom” from the Methow.
Rachel Otis Harris

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“ Sincerest condolences to the Lois Painter family from the residents and staff at Garden Oasis Assisted Living.

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