



Betty Gwin-Woolett

September 30, 1937 - November 1, 2024

Betty Louise Gwin Woolett was born September 30, 1937, to Albert and Opal Gwin in Sparta, Missouri. She was raised by her paternal grandparents from the time she was nine years old and her brother, Jack, was six years old.

Betty married Henry Byrd Wood in 1958. Betty had three children, Paul A. Wood (passed in June of 2021), Tayna Clarke (San Juan Island, WA), and Hal Brian (passed in 2003), and many step-children; Pat Gagneau (passed in June 2025). Peg McKerlie (Wenatchee, WA), Paul W. Wood (Oregon), Phillip Wood (passed in 2019), Phyllis Barnes (Port Townsend, WA), Pam Wood (Tonasket, WA), Priscilla Kennedy (Las Vegas, NV).

Throughout the years, Betty's family grew as the children grew up, married and started their own families. Betty has many grandchildren and great grandchildren from Washington to New York State.

Betty graduated high school in 1955 in Missouri and moved to WA state to find her mom. She pursued education her whole life, while raising a houseful of children. She graduated in 1964 from LPN training with a 4.0 and as the head of her class. Betty worked at St. Anothony's Hospital on the night shift for ten years, in the delivery ward. Betty went onto become an RN and headed to New York state to study in the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Program.

Betty returned to Washington and married Michael Woolett, May 8, 1980. She obtained a MS degree in Psychiatric Nursing from Eastern Washington University. Betty and Michael opened an adult care family home in Wenatchee. Eventually ill health for the couple meant they could no longer work.

Betty was very fortunate to have many family members and friends throughout her lifetime. Two women that were dear to her were Shirley Tyrell (passed) and Sue North for decades.

A Memorial Service for Betty will be held Sunday, July 6, 2025, 11:00 am at Hydro Park in East Wenatchee. Friends and family are welcome to join us.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hydro Park
2800 WA-28
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall

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“Nanny Lou was a big part of my childhood, even though she lived all the way in Washington and I was growing up in Detroit. Whenever we visited her, I always looked forward to her warm cinnamon toast, and our quiet prayer time together she was the one who taught me how to pray, and it always made me feel calm and cared for. One Christmas, she sent us homemade pajamas. I still remember how special it felt to wear something she made just for us. There was no doubt she loved me and my brother Mike, even from across the miles. But don't let her gentle spirit fool you-if you got out of line, you might just get a classic nanny, Lou nose, flick! Rest in peace Nanny. Love to all the family.

Marie Hesse - July 06, 2025 at 09:02 AM