



Goldie Iola Williams

August 15, 1915 - March 25, 2010

Goldie Williams, 94, of East Wenatchee, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Highline Nursing Home, with three generations of family by her side. Goldie was born in Minnesota, moving to Wenatchee in 1944. She met Hal while working for Montgomery Ward. Goldie worked for several retail stores in Wenatchee and sorted fruit at Skookum. She held her job for many years and became fast friends with fellow sorters. Goldie and Hal were married September 5, 1953, and spent their married life living in the Wenatchee Valley. They belonged to the Gingko Mineral Society Club of Wenatchee, where they spent long hours traipsing through rough terrain looking for the perfect gem and attending rock shows. Their travels took them from ocean visits, to throughout the West and Southwestern States. Many laughs were shared when they visited their daughter, Betty and her family, in both Minnesota and Alaska. One of the greatest joys in Goldie's life, was when Betty and Curwood retired to East Wenatchee. Many family holidays were spent enjoying each other's company and woofing down Goldie's famous lemon meringue pie and cranberry salad. Hal once made the comment, "they were lucky to have done pretty much everything they wanted to do in their lives." She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include husband, Hal Williams; daughter, Betty and Curwood Gackstetter; grandchildren include, Starla and Tom Patterson of California, April and Ron of Washington, Cameron and Shannon Gackstetter of Alaska

and Gena and Doug Lee of East Wenatchee. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family would like to send a sincere thanks to the staff at Highline Nursing Home, for taking excellent care of Goldie.

A Celebration of Life and a Prayer Gathering with lunch will be held at the Gackstetter residence, 3901 10th Street S.E., East Wenatchee on Saturday, April 3, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please call the family at 509-886-3430 for questions or directions. In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be made to the Salvation Army in Wenatchee.