



## Nell Mae McIntosh

March 19, 1929 - November 10, 2020

Nell (Collins) McIntosh was born to Fred and Ada (Nance) Collins in Glasgow, MT on March 19, 1929. She grew up on her family's homestead on Willow Creek, about 30 miles south of Glasgow. Her parents were sheep ranchers and she had fond memories of bottle feeding baby lambs in the spring and having sheep shearers come to shear the sheep. Her schooling began in the Willow Creek School, a one-room schoolhouse that she, her younger sister, Mildred, and her older brother, Dan also attended. She loved both her first-grade teacher, Miss Emma DeTray, and her second-grade teacher, Miss Kleppin, both of whom boarded with the Collins family. After completing the second grade, she attended Glasgow schools graduating from Glasgow High School in 1947. Upon graduation, she moved to Spokane to attend Kinman Business University. She boarded at three different homes, forging life long friendships while she completed her studies. Her first roommate, Ruthie, who was from Roundup, MT introduced her to her future husband. After graduation from Kinman, Nell worked for two Pathologists, Dr. George Allen Curtis Schneider at Deaconess Hospital and Dr. John E. Hill at Sacred Heart Hospital. She married Bill McIntosh on July 8, 1950. Nell was very social and loved to spend time with family, friends, and neighbors even if it was just over a cup of coffee or tea. She served as a room mother while her children were in elementary school and was also involved with PTA and Scouting. She was an ardent supporter of the Spokane Guilds' School as a member of Robbie Richards Helping Hands Guild which raised funds to help support the school.

After Bill retired in 1989, she and Bill enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends. They also visited Bill's WWII Army buddies at several 75th Division reunions. At lunchtime, you could expect to find them at the Zips at Francis and Maple sharing an order of chicken tenders. They were inseparable. Nell was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters, Mildred, and Luella, two brothers, Lewis and Dan, and her husband of 67 years, Bill. She is survived by her three children, Marc (Linda) McIntosh, Billie (Ron) Carter, and Dani Leslie, as well as three grandchildren, Mike McIntosh, Liz McIntosh, and Karl Leslie. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 2:00 PM at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W First St, Cheney, WA 99004. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Inland Northwest Honor Flight, 608 W 2nd, Ste. 309, Spokane, WA 99201-4430 or Joya Child & Family Development (Formerly Spokane Guilds School), 2118 W Garland Ave, Spokane, WA 99205.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel  
1632 W 1st St.  
Cheney, WA 99004  
(509) 235-2992  
<https://www.cheneyfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *I was blessed to share in the life of your mom. She had a bright light that eliminated from God. Her heart loved deeply and she loved a special “cup of tea” with family and friends. May God continue to protect and love your family. Love and hugs. Linda D*

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**Linda Deffenbaugh** - December 27, 2020 at 04:31 PM



*Illuminated ...light shining bright from her eyes and smile!!!!*

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**Linda Deffenbaugh** - December 27, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“ *What a pleasure to have known Nell. She always had a smile and welcome to whomever entered her home. We enjoyed our visits there and listening to the stories she and Bill would share. Of course we also shared the love of antiques, especially tea cups. She will be missed. Our love, prayers, and condolences to all of you. Wish we could have been there with you. Larry and Sharon*

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**Sharon Morken** - November 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM

MR

“ *Nell was an amazing person, so kind, gentle, loving & funny. I remember many occasions sitting around listening to stories about her & mom. We'd laugh so hard tears would come. Nell & Bill were one of the special couples everyone wanted to know! I can still picture her laughing! A beautiful lady! I'm sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. Sincerely Marie, Marilyn's daughter*

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**marie rundle** - November 18, 2020 at 03:11 PM