

LILLIAN HARRIET WILLIAMS

(1918-2005)

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Lillian Harriet Williams was born to John Early and wife Norma Florence Grout on 31 January 1918 at Big Trails, WY. She was the oldest of four children: Muriel F., John W. and Mary Lucille followed her birth. By 1940 U.S. Federal Census came out, her father had passed away (long time resident in the area) and her mother had remarried and also had passed on. Lillian and her siblings lived then in Chicago, Illinois; she was 18 and was a comptroller. When WW II was over all four of the children moved back to the ranch on Big Trails –Mary L returned to the East later. Lillian met Alvin Ray Williams and by 1947, it is believed they were either engaged to be married or were married. Alvin was a local returned veteran from WW II. Later they moved to Casper, WY and remained in that area for the rest of their lives. There is no record of their children to share.

Memories: Lillian was tall – probably 6 feet; very blonde with light complexion; slender and seemingly very happy with Al Williams when I had glimpses of her in 1947 and maybe until 1950 in the area of Big Trails. Usually, they were accompanied by her sister Muriel and her espoused associate Louis Gerstner and her brother John W. Early at that time. Fvb

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Casper, where she graduated in 1935.

Lillian then moved with her widowed mother, two sisters and brother to Chicago.

While in Chicago, she took night courses in painting at Chicago Art Institute

In Chicago, she worked for United Drug Company and Flexible Steel Lacing Company.

After moving back to Casper in 1944, she worked for Ohio Oil Company. She took a correspondence course with Famous Artists and graduated in 1968.

On July 14, 1945 she married Alvin R. Williams in Casper. They then made their home in Ten Sleep.

In 1955, the family moved to Casper where they lived at the Two Bar Ranch. While there she served on the school board at Bates Creek School. In 1967, the family moved to Casper. She then went to work for Bailey School Supply and the AV Shop. In 1984, she retired and did part time work. Her hobbies were drawing and painting, sewing and reading. She loved horseback riding and the outdoors, especially the mountains.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and her brother John W. Earley. She was survived by her sons, Kevin Williams of Casper and William Williams of Thermopolis, Grandchildren, Nathan Williams, Cameron Williams and Jason Williams; sisters Muriel Gerstner and Mary Asire and 6 nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that no services will be held. Memorials may be made to a donor of your choice.

Newcomer Family Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements.

CASPER — Lillian Harriet Williams, 87, of Casper died on Dec. 15, 2005 at the Life Care Center in Casper.

Lillian was born on Jan. 31, 1918 in Big Trails to John Edson and Norma F. (Grout) Earley.

She attended school at Big Trails grade school for 8 years and 3 years at Washakie County High School, Worland, and one year at Natrona County High School,