



Lois Marie (Johnson) Wright

August 17, 1937 - August 15, 2013

Lois Marie (Johnson) Wright was born on Aug. 17, 1937, the fourth and youngest child of Alice and Norman Johnson, in Milwaukee, Wis.

She graduated from South Division High School with the academic honor of “best girl” in her class. She proceeded to nursing school, doing her years of training at Milwaukee County Hospital.

She went on to work as a registered nurse in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the then-U.S. territory became a state; she then went to work at the University of California — San Francisco Hospital, where she met her future husband, Prime Wright of Darien, Conn.

Her marriage took her to Kabul, Afghanistan, and Peshawar, Pakistan, among other places in the Middle East where her husband was employed by Morrison-Knudsen Engineering. They had two daughters, Marie and Cathy.

In 1964 Lois and her daughters moved to Corvallis, where she began her nursing career at Good Samaritan Hospital (when it was located on Harrison Boulevard). She stayed for 35 years, working on virtually every floor at one time or another. Her favorite was oncology, as she felt she really helped her patients there.

Lois peacefully died in her sleep on Aug. 15, 2013, after suffering a fall earlier this summer. She was two days shy of her 76th birthday.

Lois is survived by her siblings, Eugene Johnson of Waukesha, Wis., Ileana (Eickelberg) Johnson of Beaverton and Kenneth Johnson of Saratoga, Fla. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Marie (Wright) Brown; son-in-law Chris Brown; and grandchildren Kelly and Michael Brown of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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“ *As a surgeon at Good Samaritan Hospital, I worked with Lois for thirty years. I will always remember her as an excellent professional co-worker, a gentle compassionate nurse, and a good friend. Please convey my condolences and respects to her family.*

Craig Leman, M.D.

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