

Lois Jean Watson

08/13/1932 - 11/11/2025



Lois Jean (Nystrom) Watson passed away peacefully on November 11, 2025 in Campbell, CA nearest her youngest son and his family. Lois was 93 years of age: born on August 13th, 1932 in Scandia, Kansas to Lawrence Gustav Nystrom and Blanche Ethel (Burns) Nystrom. Her mother, Blanche, was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. Her father, Lawrence, drove a truck delivering oil to local farms. The couple were long-time residents of Courtland, KS. With Lois' beautiful smile & curly hair, she was often told she resembled the young star, Shirley Temple. She had an undeniable love & talent for music, singing & playing piano. She regularly performed solos at many events: church gatherings, weddings & funerals. She also excelled at many county, state & national singing competitions. Lois continued her life's passion by studying voice in college.

Lois & Clyde Watson were married 55 years before his passing in 2007. The couple met while attending Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. Lois was working in the college library when she asked her future husband his name, as she could not decode his artistic handwriting on the library book checkout card.

As Clyde began his teaching career, they moved the family from Iola, KS to Manhattan, KS, then to Tucson, AZ and Columbus, OH before settling in the family's long-time residence in Scottsdale, AZ.

Lois worked as a statistical typist for many years at the accounting firm of Henry & Horne. For 2 decades she sang soprano with the Arizona Masterworks Chorale, performing locally and internationally at Mexico City, London, Barcelona, Madrid, Helsinki and St Petersburg. Lois had a great sense of humor and a calm presence as she led her family. She cared deeply about human rights & environmental issues and she gave generously to many great works.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde William Watson, sons Mark Richard Watson (Anne), and Robert Stanton Watson, and brother, Larry Nystrom (Mueriel), and her special friend and companion of 8 years, Forrest Davidson of Topeka, KS. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Ann Watson (Stephanie) & son, Scott Edward Watson ('Ivy' Kuei Yen), and grandchildren Kathryn Anne Rollins Barnes (Ivan) & David Elliot Rollins (Caroline), Allegra Lois Watson, Siena Fiona Watson, & Lila Grace Watson.

Lois will be laid to rest within the Watson family plot at the Grandview-Mill Creek Cemetery outside of Leonardville, KS.