



## Lois Ann Holmes

June 23, 1945 - July 16, 2024

Holmes

Lois Ann Holmes, 79, passed away on July 16, 2024, in Salem Oregon. Lois was born and grew up in Newberg, Oregon and graduated from Newberg High School in 1963. She graduated from Oregon State University in 1967, with a BA in Literature and Philosophy. Lois also received a Masters Degree in Library Science at the University of Oregon and an MBA at the University of Washington.

While at Oregon State, Lois participated in many activities and received numerous honors. She was a member and President of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She was selected for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national scholarship honorary, and earned membership in Mortar Board national service honorary, based on scholarship, leadership, and activities. She was named one of the outstanding women in her graduating class and was twice elected to serve on the OSU Student Senate.

Following graduation from Oregon State, Lois married John Weymouth Holmes of Redmond, Oregon on June 17, 1967. They then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, while John did graduate work at the University of Nebraska. Lois worked as an Office Manager of the University Educational-Psychological Clinic during that time. They returned to Oregon and lived in the Portland

area, where Lois worked for 5 years at Portland State University Library as an Acquisitions Librarian.

After moving to Richland, Washington, Lois worked for 22 years at Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories. She initially held supervisory and managerial positions in Library and Files, Reference Services, and Technical Communications. Her final position was as Manager of the Technical Information and Communications Department, having overall responsibility for a 130-member staff. While at Battelle, she authored two articles in professional publications.

After retirement, Lois & John moved to Redmond, Oregon, where they resided until Lois moved to the Capital Manor retirement community in Salem, Oregon in 2020, following John's death. Lois was a member of P.E.O., Redmond Service League, and Olla Podrida Study Club. She enjoyed reading, music, and travel, including RV camping which gave her and John great pleasure for many years.

Lois is survived by brother-in-law and sister-in-law Stewart and JoAnn Holmes of Springfield, Virginia; 2 cousins; and 4 nieces. She was predeceased by her beloved husband John W. Holmes (2019); father Leonard A. Hamner (1981); mother Emma D. Hamner {2004}; and brother L. Allen Hamner (2005).

A graveside service is planned for the summer of 2025. The Redmond Memorial Chapel can be contacted for details.

# Cemetery Details

## Redmond Memorial Cemetery

3545 S. Canal Blvd  
Redmond, OR 97756

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lois and John lived across the street from us in Richland for years. EVERY time I talked to them they had smiles on their faces and had nothing but good things to say. While she will be missed, what a good life to have lived.* ”

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**Tom Michener** - January 09, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“ *Lois was one of my favorite managers and a special friend I have so many wonderful memories shared with Lois. She always encouraged me to take on new challenges—challenges that helped me grow professionally and as a person. There are also so many fun memories—like the team building weekend with Lois, Vicki Lee, and Judy Danko. It was a combination of learning and laughter. So thankful to Lois for all these memories.* ”

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**Nancy Burleigh** - January 09, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ *I loved working for Lois! So sorry to hear she passed away.* ”

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**Sue Gano** - January 09, 2025 at 02:01 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear news. Lois was an outstanding manager at the Lab! I enjoyed working with her over the years and missed her when she retired!* ”

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**Darlene Varley** - January 08, 2025 at 11:02 PM