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For members of The Graduates,

We are sad to confirm the loss of member Lois Allison, on December 18. Lois joined the Graduates in 2004, one of only about 30 current members to claim that length of membership. The *Idaho Mountain Express* published an obituary:



The amazing Lois Allison (lovingly known as Gaga to friends and family) age 96, passed away 12/18/ 2020 peacefully of natural causes at Sarah House (hospice home) in Santa Barbara, California. Lois was born 9/15/1924 in Staten Island, New York, to Gladys and Frank Foggin. During WWII Lois joined the Cadet Nurse Corps and graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in NYC. She married Bill Allison in 1950 and the couple moved to Syracuse, N.Y. where their two children Nan and Glen were born. She had a long career as an RN which included nursing instruction, counseling at Planned Parenthood and volunteering at an Episcopal medical clinic in Honduras.

In 1976 Lois made the move west to live in Sun Valley, Seattle and Santa Barbara. Lois was famous as the creator of "[Sun Valley Mustard](#)" in 1984 and recognized as a talented artist spanning 40+ years. She loved painting outdoors and captured flowers, mountains, rivers and animals in pastel and watercolor. Her work was shown locally in Idaho and California; she did numerous commissions of friend's beloved pets.

Lois often packed her effervescent smile and sketch book to travel many places around the globe. She made friends everywhere, capturing people and places in creative writing and art journals. Lois was active in sports; tennis, golf, downhill and cross-country skiing, biking, even lawn bowling and especially swimming. She loved beaches and was an avid pool swimmer into her 90's! Her enthusiasm and enduring positive spirit kept her active and social with friends and fellow artists in Santa Barbara in her later years. Lois loved a party. Being involved with Santa Barbara social and dining clubs ,art groups and volunteering kept her calendar full. Her family and friends will miss her dearly, but will strive to follow her example and embody her zest for life.