



## Harriet W Strom

April 16, 1939 - October 30, 2025

The rejoicing and glory of Heaven welcomed Harriet Washines Strom – Slyux's – on Thursday, October 30, 2025, in her Toppenish home.

She was born on Sunday April 16, 1939, to Lena Meninick and Edward Casseeka Washines.

She attended school in the Granger School District and at Chemawa Indian School, Salem, Oregon.

While at Chemawa, she wanted to study to be nun. She also attended Catholic Church services regularly.

Harriet joined her family in working in the Pete LaPierre Family and the Jack Baldwin Family orchards on Cherry Hill, Granger, Wash. She worked at the Yakama Nation Furniture Factory, Wapato, Wash., with the Toppenish School District as a teacher's aide, with the Yakama Nation Summer Youth Employment Program, with the Yakama Nation Commodity Foods Program, which included delivering food to tribal members along the Columbia River. She would earn her way to become a LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Manager, a position she would eventually gain deserved retirement.

Harriet would also become a family hairdresser and barber – especially at Easter and Christmas and when the boys needed back-to-school cuts.

At the time when Harriet set about her restful journey, she was the 1910 Satus Shaker Church Minister, a role she held with divine dedication and love for.

Harriet stood for the Lord alongside her husband Leon Charles Strom and

became Shaker Church members in the mid-1960s.

Her service to the Satus Shaker Church included ensuring those special times – tribal food feasts, Easter, Christmas, funerals, memorials, first food gatherers, student accomplishments and birthdays was offered to the Lord in the way she was instructed and experienced.

Harriet took great joy and pride in gathering the traditional foods and medicines. When her body seemed to make it difficult for her to travel to the mountains, her faith, strength and devotion to that experience compelled her to continue to be a part of all the necessary trips.

Her health struggles and challenges, including breast cancer. Her devoted husband arranged travel for her to join him in a westside Washington Shaker Church, where the Lord's Hand cured her and allowed her to become a 32-year cancer survivor.

Harriet married her "Green Sweater" love, Leon C. "Squeal" Strom on Tuesday August 2, 1960 in Taholah, Washington.

Their relationship began not too long after Harriet became the first Yakama Nation All-Indian Basketball Tournament Queen in 1959.

Harriet was an avid reader and had to keep up with "The Young & Restless." She loved to harvest and gather food to can or preserve. Her self-taught cooking-on-a-budget ways, included making the most of and all of a turkey carcass, baking things like tasty strawberry-rhubarb pie, canning all fruits, preserving all Native foods, and leading the church's feast times. She was also a storyteller and knew when to offer lesson words in a kind, thoughtful, but strict manner.

Harriet was a proud and loving supporter of the Satus Shaker Church Youth Group (SSYC). She always expected a report from the SSYC to give to the 1910 Indian Shaker Church convention each year. She said she was not bragging but wanted to testify to the Lord's and church members' work and prayers for the youth. Today, SSYC members are now in their 40s and 50s – and remain an answered prayer.

She was an integral part of the fund-raising work such as baking sales,

concession stands, raffles, and church donation plates to build a new Satus Shaker Church and Dining Hall.

Harriet accompanied Leon to family sporting events, including being at his side when he played baseball and fastpitch softball throughout the Pacific Northwest. She was right there as a “Coache’s Wife” when Leon directed, coordinated and led countless volunteers to host and run the National Invitational All-Indian Men’s & Women’s Slo-Pitch Tournaments played in Yakima and eventually in Tri-Cities, Wash.

Harriet’s four-legged pets included dogs, Whimpy and Whimpy II and her horse she oversaw caring for at one time.

She will forever be a mother, grandmother and great grandmother to those including Aubrey Strom, Harkan Maguire, Cecilia Greene, Romell Strom, Jeffery Strom, Michelle Strom, Darian Arquette, Pearl Strom, Jonet Arquette, Liana Wheeler, Josiah Arquette, Stellan Strom, Cam, Tyler, Kayden, Delonte, Huntyr, Jasper, Jalon, Leveyah, Julian, Matthew, Ro, Zay, Kayce, Jax, Tate (Baby Squeal), Baby Rommie, Colton, Jalon Rowland, Amiyah, Amari, Aaliyah, Armani, and Jace, MaLena, Eagle, Jessica, Dominic, Kara, Kody, Quanning, J’Lynn, Jaycene, Tania, Luke, Jacoby, Trevor, Draidan, Cari-Gene, Kenneth, Kailum, K’wayam, Alice, Zora, Brandon, Jared, Lianna, Leandro, Xiamara, Healani, Brittany, Elihah, Alexa, Elora, Carman Jae, Isabella, Quin, Huli, Timnayi, Xilanii, Maceo, Mila and Zoe to name a few.

Her sister, Angeline Audrey Phillips, her brothers, Anthony Washines, Archie Washines, Ronnie Washines, Davis Edward Washines and Edward Arlen Washines, her nieces, Beverly Tomaskin Allen, Doris Peters, Sandra Shike Danzuka, Raymond Shike, Jr., Mina Shike, Lana Shike Leonard, Victoria Washines, Sonda Washines Mullen, Aric Washines, Emily Washines Blodgett, Elese Washines Shellenberger, Ronna Washines, Dayel Washines, Maggie Washines, Winona Washines, Wah-Leah Washines and Aulena Phillips Carl, her nephews, James Shike, Joey Shike, Emmet Washines, Windcloud Washines, Whirlwind Washines, Brandon Washines, Ta-wai-a Alvarado, Brian

Washines, R. Cassesseka Washines, Asa Washines, Andrew Washines, John Washines and Kevin Phillips.

Members of the Strom, Washines, Meninick, Watlamet, Heemsah, Tomaskin, Cloud, Shike, Maldonado, Hunt, Frank and McKinley families are among those family clans who welcomed Harriet Washines Strom into Heaven with song, prayer and hugs.

Among those that were waiting include Josephine Tanewasher, Maggie Syyou, Anona Casseseka Bertram, Leon Strom, Rommel Strom, Jeffrey Strom, Lena Meninick Phillips, Edward Cassesska Washines, Hazel Elizabeth Watlamet, Raymond "Jimmy" Watlamet, Leonard Tomaskin, Theodore and Lillyan Strom, Clifford Casseseka, Jasper Washines, Ernie Washines, Ted Strom, Jr., Larry Strom, Sheila Strom, Raymond Shike, James Shike, Lorraine Shike Lawrence, Ruth Maldonado, Leonard Tomaskin, Jr., Matthew Tomaskin, Vivian Tomaskin, Karen Tomaskin, Patrick Tomaskin, Joanna Meninick, William Meninick, numerous, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. The family left behind expresses "Special Thanks" to Samantha, Amy and Pastor of Heartlinks Hospice Care.

Her Dressing Service was held on Saturday November 1, 2025, in the 1910 Satus Shaker Church, Indian Church Road, Granger, Wash. Her last Sunday Service was held the morning of November 2, where overnight Shaker Service was held. Final Shaker Church Service was held to meet the sunrise burial services in the Smohalla (Satus Point) Cemetery, Plank Road, Toppenish, Wash.

Satus Shaker Church Assistant Minister Jimmie Tyler, Jr., officiated the services. Carrying Harriet Washines Strom to her final resting place were Asa Washines, John Washines, Landon Smartlowit, Windcloud Washines, Kevin Phillips and Franklin Lagarde. Honorary Pallbearers included her co-workers at the Yakama Nation Commodity Foods Program, Alan Eneas, Reggie George, Valarie Craig and Linda Walker, the Satus Shaker Church Members, the Satus Shaker Church Youth Groip, visiting 1910 Shaker Church Ministers, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



# Cemetery Details

## Satus Point Cemetery

Plank Road  
Granger, WA

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (PT)

Satus Shaker Church  
370 Indian Church Rd  
Granger, WA 98932

## Sunrise Burial

NOV 3 (PT)

Satus Point Cemetery  
Plank Road  
Granger, WA

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Bernice Owens And Family lit a candle in memory of Harriet W Strom*



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**Bernice Owens and family** - November 03, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Mikki & her family & other family/relatives left behind for the loss of a beautiful lady. I really loved my auntie & will miss her. I remeber whenever I took my mom to the Satus Church, your mom & dad would like to tease my mom around.....then they would all end up laughing around. They always had fun good visits. Now they're all together up in heaven watching over us. May she have a blessed journey..*



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**Debra M. Johnson** - November 03, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Harriet W Strom*



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**Sandra** - November 02, 2025 at 01:32 PM

GB

“ Thankful for you being in my life just the short time it was. I will always remember your sweet smile.

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**Gay Billy** - November 02, 2025 at 12:20 PM

SS

“ Rest in Peace Miss Harriet

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**Stella M Speedis** - November 02, 2025 at 09:21 AM

RJ

“ Aunt Harriet, her mother was married to my Tilla. Ulla Lena & Aunty Harriet always treated me as family. Loved both of them. Aunty Harriet has big shoes to fill. This lady never talked down to anyone or looked ugly at anyone. She is a role model to all in our religion, our life, our mannerism, and to people. She served people for decades.



My heart goes out to the family, be specially her daughter that was her caretaker, so many memories left today.

Many hearts are hurting. Pray for all of our brothers and sisters. Travelers from Canada, California, Oregon, and all over the state of Washington. Pray for their travels. State board members will all be in attendance.

We pray all facilities are working for these few days. Been having do many problems there. Water, plumbing, let's pray our church and dining room will be in good shape.

We pray for our leaders in Satus. Our elder has been preparing them for this day. You be strong and keep yourself in God's hands and pray.

We pray for the cooks. We pray for the hunters and the fisher families, the food gatherers

We pray as we all are hurt, but we know our Big Sister has suffered for so long, her time to rest and she is greeted by those she missed, a good day for all of them.

If you are unable to attend any service, just pray, wherever you are, God hears you.

Rest our beautiful elder, I will miss you, your smile, and your kind words.

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Regina Jerry - October 31, 2025 at 09:57 PM

AP

“ Aubrey, Harken, Pearl, Stellan & Paige purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harriet W Strom.



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**Aubrey, Harken, Pearl, Stellan & Paige** - October 31, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MS

“ PRAYERS for Family. Our Elder is dancing. Praising Macèè in the Highest



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**Matilda Smiskin** - October 31, 2025 at 08:41 PM

ST

“ Susie Tynan lit a candle in memory of Harriet W Strom



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**Susie Tynan** - October 31, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SW

“ Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Harriet W Strom



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**Shasta Olney Watlamet** - October 31, 2025 at 08:01 PM

MJ

“ *I was sad to hear of my auntie's passing. But I know she's at peace. My heart goes out to the family left behind, my thoughts and prayers are with each one of you.*



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**Maggie James** - October 31, 2025 at 05:34 PM