

Winona Jean "Wassenangoshka Anang Kwe" Hancock

Mar 3, 1931 — Nov 17, 2026

Hancock, Winona Jean - "Wassenangoshka Anang Kwe" (Shining Brightly Star Woman) Age 95, of Fenton, walked on peacefully at home with family on November 17, 2026.

Winona was born on March 3, 1931 in Wahpeton, North Dakota to Louis Henry and Emma (Gardner) Henry. Her father was Saginaw Chippewa of Michigan and her mother was Choctaw of Oklahoma. Both parents attended mandatory Government Indian Boarding Schools in their home states and then met when both attended Haskell Indian School in Kansas. Winona was born while her parents were traveling around the country with her Dad's Indian Band. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan.

Winona attended Flint Technical School and graduated from Central High School where she played the clarinet in the marching band. She then worked at AC and met Wayne, the love of her life.

Winona married Wayne D. Hancock on November 4, 1950. They had four children, built their home on Lake Fenton side by side, and spent almost 43 years together before Wayne passed away in 1993. She felt very Blessed to live her life in the home they built together.

She enjoyed tending her flowers, traveling on Tribal Elder Trips and going to Pow Wow. She loved spending time with her family above all else. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by their children, Karen (Greg) Gibson, Kathy (Jack) Shanks, Kevin (Denise) Hancock, and Kay (Glenn) Wert, 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild

Interment of Winona and Wayne Hancock at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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