



Arzella Stealman

February 20, 1917 - September 26, 2010

On September 27, 2010, Sylvia Arzella Stealman (93) began eternal life when entering into the presence of her heavenly Father.

Born in Greenfield, Arkansas to Laura and Minnon Green on Feb. 20, 1917, Sylvia Arzella was the oldest of four children. At an early age, she claimed her middle-name as her first and from then on, she was known to all as Arzella.

On Dec. 29, 1934 Arzella married Robert James Stealman and together they ran a small grocery store, while raising two sons, Bobby Dean and Marion Gene. The family lived in Arkansas and Florida before moving to California. In 1978, Robert and Arzella made Quart Valley their permanent home.

Arzella was a talented musician, who as a young adult, performed regularly as a radio-show singer and guitarist. She was also a pianist, who enjoyed traditional hymns and singing in the church choir. In addition to her musical experiences, some of Arzella's cherished memories were of the Bible classes she taught at Heritage Christian School in San Pablo, California.

Known for her story telling, Arzella captivated the attention of her grand and great-grandchildren as she shared countless family tales and adventures.

Some of those stories relayed her experiences as a worker in the shipyards during WWII and of her travels to Israel, Europe, Hawaii and Alaska.

Throughout her life she loved to read her Bible and Christian novels; tend a garden; can jams and jellies; quilt; and crochet. Arzella's favorite times were at family gatherings; especially when those ended with a good game of cards.

All are invited to a grave-side service held at the Fort Jones Cemetery at

10:00 am, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. Immediately following, there will be a social time at the Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request that those who wish to honor Arzella's memory do so by sending contributions to Arzella's favorite charity – Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, PO Box 208, Greenview, CA. 96037.