



Daralyn Ellis Reed

August 30, 1942 - May 16, 2025

Daralyn Ellis Reed was born on August 30, 1942 in Dunsmuir, California to John and Doris Mae Doggett Ellis. She was the oldest of five children, and passed away on May 16, 2025. She was always proud to tell everyone she was a fifth-generation Siskiyou County resident, descended from the Doggett and Crary families.

Daralyn started school in Happy Camp, and graduated from the Yreka Jackson Street Elementary School and Yreka High School along with her beloved classmates of the class of 1960. She studied government at the University of California, Berkeley and California State University, Sacramento. Then, in 1965, she started her long and successful career in California politics by working as a loaned executive from the Pacific Telephone Company to President Reagan's first campaign for governor of California and to his inaugural committee. She was hooked on politics and spent the rest of her life involved in practically every aspect of politics. She had found her calling. In 1989 she founded the Daralyn Reed Company providing treasurer, fiscal management and compliance reporting services for committees and candidates and others throughout California. The company was a big success and Daralyn owned and managed it until her retirement just four years ago. She was a member of numerous state organizations and was always active in proposals to change campaign financing reporting requirements. After living and operating her business in Santa Monica, Daralyn decided she could operate and manage her business from anywhere, so she moved back

to Yreka in 2000 and never regretted doing so. She didn't miss the busy big city and really enjoyed getting reacquainted with old friends and making many new ones. Turns out it is true, "you can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl." She was very happy to be back and enjoy the mountains and a little less hectic life.

Daralyn was preceded in death by both parents and brother, Jim. She is survived by her daughter, Kelly; sisters Sheryl and Candy; brother John; several nieces and nephews; grandson Flint and his wife Katie; and two great grandchildren, Kailyn and Myles. She also has many local relatives, including cousin Tana Gliatto and her husband Ralph who monitored and helped her whenever needed for the past two years.

A Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will be said at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka. The rosary will be on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM, and the funeral mass will be Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 11:00 AM. A reception will be held at the Wine Bar in Yreka following the mass. Daralyn contributed to a variety of organizations. Please consider a contribution to an organization of your choice in honor of Daralyn.

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Obituary Wall



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principalities nor
powers, nor things
present nor things to
come, nor height
nor depth, nor any

Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:27 PM

NG

“ *Catalan was my freshman college roommate at U C Berkeley in 1960. We became very close that year and I visited her family in Yreks. She was a very special person and I am so sorry we lost touch after our freshman year. Nancy Grant, Hailey, Idaho*

Nancy Grant - September 21, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NG

Just looked at this again and can't believe the Siri typos for Daralyn and Yreka. I so wish we had reconnected.

Nancy Grant - May 26 at 10:23 AM

EP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Daralyn's passing. She was a friend but we lost contact in the last few years. She was part of our Guacamole Group. RIP Daralyn.*

Eileen Padberg - August 31, 2025 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Daralyn brought her financial wisdom into our Women of Wealth investment group, along with her loving thoughtful spirit. I admired and enjoyed her company. RIP

Kathleen O'Neill - August 28, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Daralyn was a friend since high school. Carol was a year older than Daralyn & in the class of 1959. Both Daralyn & Carol returned to the Yreka area after being away for 40 years. After returning they became close friends & spend a lot of time together. It was a special time for both of them.

Carol Crebbin - August 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Daralyn's passing! I worked at the Daralyn Reed Company in Santa Monica for about 9 years. She was the best boss ever, so kind and generous. I have so many fond memories with our little office. I'm sad to say we had not seen each other in years but we did talk from time to time. Rest in Peace, dearest Daralyn. - Mary Oppermann

Mary Oppermann - August 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Daralyn was destined to be a mover and shaker. In high school she was so active in outside activities. She was truly a great friend to all of us '60s kids. I sadly lost touch with her in our adult life, but by reading her obit, it doesn't surprise me that she was so successful. God bless her.



Nancy Weed - June 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Daralyn was a big part of the Soroptimist Club & always enjoyable when we got together with our "group" birthday dinners. She will be missed.

Judy L Foster - June 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Daralyn was always a ray of light in many of life's storms. We were classmates as well as friends working on numerous projects. Often assisting her and Evelyn DeSoza with our Class of 60's Reunions. She truly will be missed.

Shari Fiock Sandahl - June 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Daralyn I'm sure will forgive me cause I always spelled her name wrong.
She was a class ahead of me but I always truly liked her, she was beyond sweet. Until recently I didn't know she was in town, wish I had, I would have loved to spend more time with her
May Peace be with her family.

Maggie Harris - June 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Daralyn Ellis Reed - June 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM