



Dorothy Lorraine Turk

September 19, 1937 - November 21, 2015

Dorothy Lorraine Turk went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, November 21, 2015, after a brief illness. She died peacefully with her family by her side.

Dorothy was born September 19, 1937 in Santa Barbara, Calif. to James and Lois Begg. Dorothy spent her early years in Santa Barbara, Paradise Canyon, Santa Ynez and Ballard in Santa Barbara County. She always said Paradise Canyon was a wonderful place to grow up.

Dorothy attended and graduated from Santa Ynez Valley Union High School in 1955.

Dorothy married the love of her life, Alton Turk, on June 17, 1956 at the old Presbyterian Church in Ballard, Calif. They shared 59 years of marriage. They were blessed with four daughters: Deborah (Vincent) Hughes of Grangeville, Idaho, Janet (Rob) Petersen of Solvang, Calif., Brenda Hunter of Rathdrum, Idaho and Suzanne Turk of Etna, Calif.

During Alton and Dorothy's marriage, they lived in Panama, where Alton was stationed while in the Army. After discharge, the couple lived in Santa Barbara, Paradise Canyon, Cachuma Village, Santa Ynez and Solvang, in Santa Barbara County. They retired in 2001 to Etna, Calif. in Siskiyou County.

Dorothy stayed at home with her daughters before beginning a 30 year career in banking, beginning at American National & Mid-State Banks.

Dorothy was a four time cancer survivor. Her family is thankful to the Lord for the extra years we had with her.

Dorothy loved her family, friends and her wonderful Church family.

In addition to her husband and daughters, Dorothy is survived by her sister, Jane Begg of Goleta, Calif. and her brother, Marty Begg of Burns Lake, Canada; eight beloved grandchildren: Jennifer (Tim) Hughes Spitz, Robby (Kristina) Petersen, Bryan (Jennifer) Petersen, Jenna (Cody) Petersen Gonsalves, Vicki Langthorn, Sarah (Joey) Hunter Davis, Russell Hunter and Samuel Turk; and seven beloved great-grandchildren: Madeline Langthorn-Heilman, Robby and Kaitlyn Petersen, Michael and Nathen Righetti, Mason Gonsalves and Jayce Petersen.

Dorothy loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She served for several years on the Burger Bunch out at Kidder Creek Camp.

Dorothy was well loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Heavy on mom's heart in her last days, was her newest great-grandchild, Jayce Petersen. Jayce was born September 15, 2015 at 23 weeks of pregnancy, on the way to the hospital. He is currently at UCLA Medical Center recovering from PDA heart surgery. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that a donation be made to the Jayce Anthony Petersen Fund at Rabo Bank, 805-688-6150, ask for Sara White.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring, to be announced at a later date.