



Ella Jane Benedict

March 13, 1934 - June 4, 2020

Ella began her life in Orleans, CA, at Dr. Silk's office, to David Henery Drake and Lonnie (Snapp) Drake. She was raised at Somes Bar near the Salmon River. She graduated from Junction Elementary School, moved to Los Angeles with sisters, and attended Belmont High School. She began her X-Ray technician career at an early age. She worked for many doctors in Los Angeles. She moved to Hoopa in the 1980's and worked at the old hospital which became K'ima:w Medical Center. She loved camping and panning for gold on the Salmon River.

Ella was preceded in death by her children: John, Tamara, and Sharon Benedict, her mother Lonnie Drake, father David Henery Drake, sisters, Helen (Drake) Beck and Ethel (Drake) Halla.

Ella leaves behind her sisters: Zona (Drake) Ferris, Betty (Drake) Bacock, Shirley (Drake) Bates, Beverly Drake (Doyle Bradshaw), and a brother David Hiram Drake, The High Plains Drifter. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, Paul, Jr., Chris, and Mark Benedict.

Ella had a heart of gold, taking in the underprivileged and homeless, and stray dogs and cats. You never knew who would be dining at her kitchen table.

We would like to thank the K'ima:w medical staff and our Hoopa and Karuk Tribes for their kindness. Special thanks to Millie Grant, Poppie George, Josh Saxon, and the Siskiyou Springs Senior Living Community in Yreka, CA.

The six letter word, cancer, came back again to knock on her door and pretty much stayed. Rest in peace, Ella. A celebration of life will be held at a later date (to be announced).

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