



Florence Elaine Brandaw

July 1, 1927 - December 7, 2014

Florence Brandaw (née Springer) died on December, 7, 2014 in Yreka, CA at the Emeritus at Meadowlark Assisted Care Facility. She was 87.

Florence was born on July 1, 1927 in Hillsboro, OR. After completing high school she worked on the family farm in the Hillsboro area. She married childhood friend Frank Koch in 1946. Frank and Florence moved to Arlington, CA in 1952 where Frank worked in the poultry farm industry and Florence raised their two children-- Karen and Grant.

Following her divorce in 1959, Florence worked at an electronics plant in Riverside, CA. There she reconnected with another childhood friend- Kenneth Brandaw-- who had settled in the area after his military service. The two married in 1960. Ken worked as a California Highway Patrolman and Florence was a homemaker, raising their two children, Keith and Brian. They moved to Yreka in 1968.

In 1975, while Ken continued to work as a Highway Patrolman, Florence started her day care business from her home. Over the following 12 years, she cared for hundreds of children from the area. After Ken's retirement in 1984, he pitched in to support the thriving business. Florence retired from the day care business in 1987.

Florence was widowed in 2003 with the passing of her husband Ken. She met Paul Kirchoff in church and the two married in 2004. She then moved to Assisted Care in 2010.

Florence is survived by her brother Glen Springer of Afton, WY; her husband Paul Kirchoff of Yreka; her children Karen Smith of Christmas Valley, OR, Grant Koch of Salem, OR, Keith Brandaw of Yreka, and Brian Brandaw of Georgetown, TX; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Yreka.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
825 Knapp Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

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“ Florence is an amazing lady in so many ways. She was a very positive influence on our two sons lives at an early age. She watched Kristopher and Kyle while we worked for about 3 years. She finally had to let us know that it was time for them to move on to pre-school or else they would have been in her care until Kindergarten. She was such a role model to the mothers, she showed me that she could care for up to at least 10 children at a time ranging in ages 6 months to 3 years all at once, cook dinner for her family and make pies that you couldn't believe. As I said an amazing woman and she always had a beautiful smile on her face. Our boys have never forgotten her or Papa Ken (as they were allowed to call him). She will be missed. Rest in peace sweet lady.

Pat and Mari-Ann Kallstrom - December 12, 2014 at 02:21 PM

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Florence's passing. Florence watched Meagan and Eric Rossetto for 3 years plus, and I am thankful everyday that she was taking care of them while I worked. I will never forget going into her home on the day before Thanksgiving and having at least 6 or more pies waiting for her family. She was a very special person that I will never forget. My prayers are with all of you.

Mikie Rossetto Mulvihill

Mikie Mulvihill - December 12, 2014 at 01:56 PM



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