



## Frances Katherine Truttman-Trinca

January 15, 1923 - January 30, 2012

Frances Katherine Truttman-Trinca, known to many of us as Gal, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Monday, January 30, 2012, at the age of 89. Frank and Agnes Gator welcomed their oldest daughter to the world in 1923 in San Francisco, CA. Shortly after Frances was born, the family moved to Weed for Frank's job with the Longbell Lumber Co. Frances and her two younger sisters enjoyed a happy childhood, attending Weed Elementary and Weed High School. In 1939, Frances married Louis Truttman and the couple settled in Grenada to raise their family of two boys and two girls. Throughout their 42 year marriage, the couple enjoyed exploring the many mountain lakes in Siskiyou County. They particularly enjoyed riding their horses into the backcountry of the Marble Mountain Wilderness. Fran weathered the loss of Louis in 1981 with grace and dignity, choosing to focus on the blessings of her family and her community. In 1987, Fran married Gino Trinca and opened her heart and home to the entire Trinca family. Gino and Fran enjoyed traveling together and exploring many new opportunities. Gino passed away in 1999. As an amazingly strong, independent woman, Fran spent the remainder of her life devoted to her family, friends and community. In addition to providing a loving home for her family, Fran touched the lives of thousands of children in her role as a Teacher's Aide at Evergreen Elementary School. Many children were comforted by her after a mishap on the playground or scolded for misbehavior in the cafeteria. Regardless of the situation, students knew that Mrs. T cared. Fran shared the warmth,

generosity and concern from her home with everyone she came into contact with. She always had a welcoming smile and a willing ear, whether meeting up at the grocery store or at one of the many sporting events she attended in support of her grandchildren. Frances was an avid horsewomen and an active member of Trail Riders throughout her lifetime, but perhaps her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and friends at a home-cooked meal sharing stories.

Frances is survived by her four children and their families: Linda and Bob Fuchslin, Carl and Patti Truttman, Dolly and John Moody and Jim and Joyce Truttman; eight grandchildren: Suzanne Bradshaw, Lori Moody, Carla Truttman, Lisa Fuchslin, Shannon Currie, Curt Moody, Dan Fuchslin, and Jason Truttman; and 11 great-grandchildren: Douglas Bradshaw, Catherine Bradshaw, Jordan Currie, Tyler Currie, Callie Currie, Jaci Truttman, Trevor Truttman, Cassie Moody, Derek and Connor Moody and Alexandra Fuchslin. In addition, she is survived by her sister, Betty Coburn from Richland, Michigan, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sister, Louise Creager, as well as Louis and Gino.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A rosary will be held at Girdner's Funeral Chapel, Friday, February 3, 2012, at 7:00. Please join family and friends in a celebration of Fran's life at the Elk's Lodge on Miner Street in Yreka immediately following the service. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to United Scholarship, Inc. in the name of Frances K. Truttman-Trinca, P.O. Box 1328, Yreka, CA, 96097 or the Grenada Fire Department, P.O. Box 214, Grenada, CA, 96038.