



Irene Mae Avery

February 26, 1928 - October 22, 2013

Irene Mae Avery quietly joined family and friends who had passed-on before her, on October 22, 2013. Irene was born in Glendale, California on February 26, 1928. After high school graduation, she married Fredrick D. Avery in June 1946 while living in Southern California. Together they had three children, Stephen W. Avery (Debbie), currently of Greenview, CA, Nancy L. Schmunk (Jim), currently of Kasilof, AK and Timothy S. Avery (Cecile), currently of Concord, CA. Irene was grandmother to Scott Avery (Espy), Brandon Shelvock (Tanya), Amanda Avery and Daniel Avery (Kate), Sara Wilmot, Scott Schmunk (Jamie), Bryan Schmunk, and great-grandmother to eight great-grandchildren who she absolutely cherished.

Irene also leaves behind two sisters, Helen Foster and Judy Sanderson, both currently residing in southern Oregon. Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Fred, three brothers and a grandson Greg Wilmot. Irene and Fred were residents of Big Springs for 14 years before moving to Yreka in 1983. During her lifetime, Irene spent much of her life as a homemaker, although she also worked as a playground supervisor at Vinedale Elementary School, while in Southern California and as a campus supervisor at Yreka High School during the 1980's. She and Fred both worked at Tim & Ken's Game Room in Yreka in the late 1970's. While each represented forms of employment, all of them contributed to her undying love, and her desire to spend time with young people, who she always referred to as "her other kids".

Irene had many life-long friends and extended family who added to her joy over the years. She was a very social person and brought much joy to those who knew her well.

At her request, no funeral services will be held, but a celebration of her life will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to pay their respects should make donations, in Irene's memory, to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim Avery & Family Your mother was a wonderful lady with a great sense of humor and I remember her when I was growing up in Big Springs. Her legacy lives on with being such a loving person and I send my condolences to you and your family.*

lorayne blankenship - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Irene was always a big part of my life growing up and I have many important memories, she will be missed very much.*

Donnie Buckley - October 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM