



Irma Lea Gleason

April 24, 1935 - October 24, 2011

Local resident Irma Lea Gleason of Yreka passed away during the early hours of Monday October 24th, 2011 in the comfort of Madrone Hospice House in Yreka. She fought her 5 year battle with cancer, with grace, dignity and faith. Irma was born in Susanville, California to Gene and Henrietta Rankin. Irma graduated from Lassen High School -Class of 1952 and went on to study business at the Golden Empire College of Commerce in Chico. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Irma enjoyed her profession as a legal secretary working for several law firms throughout California. In 1980, George and Irma were married in Mill Valley, California and in 1998 George and Irma retired to Yreka.

Irma is survived by her beloved husband of 31 years, George C. Gleason. She is also survived by a brother, Jerry Rankin of Susanville, daughter Linda and her husband David of Susanville and son David of Mad River. Step-children Carrie and husband Patrick of Posey, George and wife Teresa of Redding, Greta and husband James of San Mateo and Wendy of Fairbanks, Alaska. She leaves behind her precious grandchildren; Jared, Cade, Taylor, Lindsay and Riley. A niece Regina and husband John of Susanville, a nephew Lance and wife Michelle of Poway and one grandnephew, London. She will be truly missed by a family that loves her very much.

Irma was an ardent San Diego Padres fan. As long as the Padres were not on the field, she enjoyed camping with family and friends at Juanita and Medicine Lakes. She was an avid fan of her grandchildren spending endless hours

watching soccer, baseball and live theater. Irma was always up for a competitive game of Scrabble, where she ruled. Irma will always be remembered by those whose lives she touched over the years. She was known for helping friends, family and neighbors in need.

A celebration of Irma's life will take place on Saturday November 12th, from 1pm-4pm at the home shared by George and Irma Gleason. Donations may be made in Irma's name to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.