



## Lillian Opal Durkee

September 13, 1924 - July 2, 2018

Longtime Yreka resident, Lillian Opal Durkee, passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka. She was 93 years old, and a 62 year resident of Yreka, California.

Lillian was born on September 13, 1924 to Ray and Sybil (Snook) Purcell in McCloud. On December 6, 1947, Lillian married Wendell (Jock) Durkee in McCloud, and the couple remained married until Jock's death in 2004.

Lillian was a dedicated Christian, serving her church and others through her faith. She was a member of Yreka Berean Church from its inception which is now Decision Life Church in Yreka. Many people from the area would remember her as their beloved Sunday school teacher, which she did for 25 years. She loved her church and participating in church functions and ministries ranging from Bible Study to service projects.

Lillian served for 25 years in the Siskiyou County Tax Collector/Treasurer's office, of which, 8 of those years as the elected Siskiyou County Tax Collection/ Treasurer. She was a well-liked and respected County official.

In retirement, Jock and Lillian would make annual fishing trips to the Smith River. She took up golf at the age of 65! She was an enthusiastic Golden State Warriors basketball fan and enjoyed watching them win another

championship this year. Above all, Lillian was devoted to her family: she loved being a mom, grandma, and great-grandma.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a daughter, Wendy, who passed away last year. She is survived by her son, Howard Durkee and his wife Judy of Medford, son-in-law, Chris Homen of Redding; sisters, Iona Farnsworth of Sacramento and Barbara Lamson of Central Point; 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside funeral services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Decision Life Church (formerly the Yreka Berean Church), located at 203 Wetzel Way in Yreka. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that any donation be made to Madrone Hospice House at 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (PT)

Decision Life Church  
203 Wetzel Way  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Tribute Wall

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“ I loved visiting with Lil and Jock (years ago) and then Lil in these more recent years. She was always cheerful and encouraged me time and again. I'll miss you Lil, but I'm sure that you're happy in glory with Jock and Wendy.

*May God comfort Howard & Judy, Chris, the grandchildren and the rest of your extended family.*

*I just read the news of her death in the Siskiyou Daily News. Sorry that this is so belated.*

*Faye Prindle*

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**Faye Prindle** - August 25, 2018 at 12:43 PM

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“ Darcy Drake Simpson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Opal Durkee



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**Darcy Drake Simpson** - July 09, 2018 at 07:32 PM

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“ She was amazing lady who worked with my mom so many years,, She will be missed,  
*Debi Hockaday Egeline*

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**Debi** - July 07, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“ *Lil was a wonderful boss She taught me so many things and I am grateful for all the things she taught me.*

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**Greta Hockaday** - July 07, 2018 at 12:51 PM

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*Lillian was a sweet lady that I admired and respected in personal and business life. She was a gift to our community.*

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**Carol Hockaday Rizzo** - July 07, 2018 at 01:03 PM