



Mary "Liz" Elizabeth Mello

March 25, 1912 - January 23, 2011

Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Mello a Scott Valley native, passed away peacefully January 23, 2011 at home on McAdams Creek, with her loving family at her side. She was 98 years old.

Liz was born at home on March 25, 1912 near Callahan to Antone & Delfina DeFaria. She was the second of nine children. Liz was raised on the DeFaria ranch, and attended McConaughy Elementary. She married Carl Mello at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Etna on January 1, 1934. They were married for 45 years. She was a beloved housewife, and mother.

Elizabeth's favorite pastimes were making beautiful pine needle baskets, and spending time in her garden. She was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Altar Society.

She was a loving and devoted mother of 5 children. She is survived by her children, Mary Lou Slette and husband, Harold of Fort Jones; Nancy Moffett and husband, Bill of Idabel, Ok. ; Joan Smith-Hill and husband, Norman of Citrus Heights, Ca. ; Martha Lindgren and husband, Steve of Fort Jones; her brother; Dan DeFaria of Orland, Ca. a sister, Joan Lash of Scottsdale, Az. ; fourteen grandchildren, thirty-eight great grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Carl Mello, son, Charles Mello, grandchildren, Daniel Mello, Katy Cook and Florence Lindgren, great-grandchild, Melissa Mello, sisters, Lidoina Lemos, Elvina Anne Kramer and Belle Hartsel, brothers, Anthony, Manuel and Joseph DeFaria, and son-in-

laws, Kenneth Smith and Kenneth Cooke.

A Rosary will be recited at 7 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Jones. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10am, on Friday, January 28, 2011. Interment will follow in the Fort Jones Catholic Cemetery with a reception following at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.