



## Mary Jane Lawe

June 28, 1918 - November 5, 2013

Mary Jane Lawe went to be with the Lord at the age of 95. She was a Karuk and life-long Siskiyou County resident. She peacefully passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at her home.

Mary was born on June 28, 1918 on Patterson Ranch, Somes Bar, California, to Jack and Martha Patterson. Mary was the youngest of eight children.

On October 23, 1946 Mary married William D. Lawe, and they spent the next 66 years living, working, and raising their five children in Yreka. Mary attended the Sherman Indian School and worked for American Laundry for 18 years, JC Penney's, and other domestic jobs.

Mary was an avid sports woman that fished, hunted, and enjoyed hiking, backpacking, and especially the Marble Mountains. She loved the outdoors and put in a garden every year. She loved to split and gather wood from the land to provide from what creation gave the land. She was a morally clean woman, and during the Salmon Run at Ishi Pishi Falls, her family fishing grounds, she would club for Kenny Knudsen and she made the Sacramento Bee front page headline documenting her Karuk heritage.

Mary's greatest legacy in life was her love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her love was always reaching out to other with His unconditional love. She loved the Lord and He blessed her with the power of prayer and the ability to extend a hand to reach all people as a Lighthouse of Love.

Mary is the last of her siblings, and she is survived by her five children: Arvada Nelson (John), Jackson Lawe (Sandy), Lavon Kent (John), David

Lawe (Pam), and Carmen McCullough; 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka, with interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery next to her beloved husband, William. All who knew Mary and were touched by her wisdom, counseling, and love are welcome to celebrate her life with the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary was a true Christian and I loved her all my life. Love to all her family. Her friend Dot also Donna and Dixie*

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“ *Carmen, LaVonne, David, I was closest to you three and had the privilege of getting to know your dear mom through you. My most sincere condolences to all of the families.*

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**Ruth Simpson** - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM