



Mary Ellen Stowell

January 1, 1923 - July 9, 2013

Mary Ellen Stowell, beloved to many, passed away on July 9, 2013, while doing her favorite task – baking cookies to share. She was a sweet woman who loved Jesus, her family and friends. Always praying whether silent or aloud even as she aged to 90 years – she continued her part of the prayer chain here in Scott Valley. She had the smile of an angel and the heart of a lion.

Her life was long – she and her husband Sam, who preceded her in death, were blessed with a daughter Julie Stowell Wilcox. Her life was shared with her son-in-law and caregiver, Dave Wilcox, for many years. She was often quoted, “Dave is the best cook ever!” Sharing in her love and care for the last year is Donna Kingland Wilcox, Dave’s wife.

Mary Ellen grew up in Iowa with her parents and four siblings. She met her husband working at a chicken factory in Iowa. Having never left home before, she followed him to California on a train. She married him shortly thereafter in 1947. She then taught pre-school for the state’s earliest Headstart programs for 20 years, before retiring. During their lifetime together, they shared their home with anyone who needed food or a bed, doing so with open hearts.

They did this to glorify the name of Jesus Christ, their Lord and Savior.

In lieu of flowers Mary Ellen would appreciate donations to Kidder Creek Camp or the Valley Oaks Senior Center. Services will be at the Scott Valley Berean Church on Sunday, July 14, at 4 p.m. with a potluck to follow for all her friends and family.