



## Ruth I. Chapman

December 1, 1932 - August 7, 2021

Ruth I. Chapman, long time resident of Yreka, passed away peacefully at home on August 7, 2021 at the age of 88.

Ruth was born on December 1, 1932 to Charles H. Smith and Martha Mae Benge in Lamar, Colorado. She spent the 1st 37 years of life in the Grand Junction area. Married twice and working full time, she had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Her 4th son was born when she moved to Mt. Shasta in 1969. In 1971 she moved to Yreka and that would become home and the place she loved.

She married John Chapman in 1977. They were both strong supporters of the community, volunteering at the local food ministry and helping anyone in need. She was a lifetime member of the Yreka Kiwanis and could be seen at the taco booth during fair time or hiding Easter eggs in the park. In 1984 Ruth and John moved to San Francisco, home of her beloved SF Giants. She attended many games at Candlestick and AT&T Park and was a devoted fan.

They returned to Yreka in 1997 semi-retired and assistant managers of the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. Her front window looked into the middle of the park. She always had a happy smile and big wave for everyone that went by. She and John had been married for 35 years when he passed in February, 2012. Her neighbors and the folks in the park became a great support system.

She was loved and cherished by all. Her strong faith in God and Jesus would tell you don't worry or weep, I am with my savior.

Ruth has 3 children waiting for her in Heaven, Jimmy and Dawn Burns and Guy Welch. She is survived by her sister Marcia Gambill and brother Dana Smith. She is also survived by her children John Burns of Redding & wife Diane, Cathy Clifton of Chico & husband Mike, and Steve Welch of Hillsboro OR & wife Melinda. From the Chapman side of the family Nila Morgan, Dianna Rowedder and Katie Chapman all of Anchorage AK. William Chapman of Round Rock TX. She was blessed with 20 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 11, 2021 at 11am at Covenant Chapel, 200 Greenhorn Road in Yreka.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ruth I. Chapman - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Missing my very best friend

charlene dunlap - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ She shared her faith often! ❤️

Liz Hockaday - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ She was my neighbor for awhile in Oakridge her and John were so good to me I had just been widowed and retired and moved up from Sacramento they were a great couple. R.i.p. Ruth

Joy Grenvik - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Peace, Prayers and Blessings,

Carl and Sharon Helweg - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM