



Thelma Adelaide Jackson

November 9, 1928 - September 11, 2021

Thelma Jackson passed away on September 11, 2021, after complications following a fall in her own home.

Thelma was born on November 9, 1928 in Grants Pass, Oregon to Clive and Edris Davidson. She was the great granddaughter of Elijah Davidson, the discoverer of the Oregon Caves. When she was 11, she moved to Sonoma with her mother and step father, where she grew up and graduated from Sonoma High School in 1947. That same year she moved to Yreka with her family and began working for the United States Department of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Thelma married Joseph D. Coffman and had three children, and was pregnant with her fourth child when she was widowed in 1957. She continued to work and raise her children. Then, in 1978, she remarried to Herbert P. Jackson. She retired after 33 years, and began to travel with her husband to golf tournaments, taking cruises, traveling to Branson, Missouri, Arizona, and the Columbia River.

After the death of her second husband, she continued to be active. She attended exercise classes at the YMCA up until her passing. She was an avid bowler in her younger years, a member of the VFW, NARFE.

Thelma loved the ocean and took many trips to the Oregon Coast. She also enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles, and crossword puzzles. Thelma sewed her daughter's school clothes, and when the time came, she sewed her oldest daughter's wedding dress. She continued sewing until her eyesight and arthritis forced her to give it up.

Thelma was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas E. Davidson, at age 11 from leukemia; a half-brother, Lyle H. Walter in 2014; and by her second husband, Herbert Jackson in 2009.

She is survived by four daughters: Chris (Gary) Warren of Sparks, Nevada, Sharon (Gary) West of Porterville, Carol (Tom) Bagwell of Yreka, and Susan (Mike) Malone of Yreka. She is also survived by 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and by her constant companion, Abby the Cat.

Per Thelma's request, no services will be held. She asked that, if you wish to, you may donate to the charity of one's choice, or to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Thank you to Fairchild Medical Center, the doctors and nurses who attended to her after her accident, and a big thank you to Dr. Louis DeRouchey for taking great care of her for many years.

Thelma was a great lady, and I mean LADY, wonderful mother, and friend. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Chris, Susan, Sharon, & Carol: I just learned of your mom's passing. I am so very sorry. I have wonderful memories of your wonderful mom from when I was in high school. I was often at your home because Chris & I were friends. I can still see her smile and here her laugh. She was very trusting and sometimes would let Chris and I use her car to go to games at the HS. Not sure Chris ever told her she let me drive, and I got pulled over by YPD for speeding on Oregon St..... Thelma and my mom bowled together, too. Chris, I send you a great big virtual hug!! It's been so long, but, I think of you often! May God bless all of you with comfort. Love to all, Rebecca Phillipe

Rebecca RB Phillipe - October 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I have sooooo many warm memories of your mother, from childhood to working with her at USDA. Chris, Sharon, Carole and Susan, my loving condolences to you. Denise Hall (Bond)



Denise - September 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Fond memories of a very nice woman who always made me feel welcome in her home. Condolences to her family.

Brian Phillipe - September 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I have fond memories of helping make pies with Thelma (Grandma) in the kitchen when we were kids. And I still have the quilt she sewed for me. She was a strong independent woman whom I will miss. - Alison Warren (granddaughter)

Alison Warren - September 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My prayers are with your family 🙏

Brenda Fraley-Wallis - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ She was a wonderful lady. Sending hugs to her family☐

Suzi Lipke - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Condolences! May you all experience peace in this sad time.

Gina DeRose Bell - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear this, sending love and prayers to all the family 🙏
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Margo Patton Madden - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AJ

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Thelma Adelaide Jackson - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ A beautiful tribute!

Liz Hockaday - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Condolences to all of her family.

Arlene Berwick - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM