



## Viola Ruth Ottinger

September 28, 1928 - September 6, 2017

Viola Ruth Ottinger, 88, of Yreka, also known to her family and friends as Violet or Vi, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family to join her heavenly father on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Viola was born to Robert and Ruth Fraser in Ojai on September 28, 1928. She had an exciting childhood as her father was a game warden and they moved many times. She often accompanied him on some of his work related adventures.

She met Robert (Bob) Chapman while he was serving in the army. They were married in 1946. Together they had four children, Michael, Patrick, Mark and Linda.

After their divorce, Viola was working at Siskiyou General Hospital in Yreka and was also taking college courses to become a nurse. She challenged the state board test and passed with flying colors, becoming an LVN. She continued working at Siskiyou General for 35 years until her retirement. She was a dedicated nurse who loved her patients. She worked in all areas of the hospital but her favorite was pediatrics.

While working at the hospital, she met Dwayne Ottinger, an orderly at the time, who later became a local Chiropractor. They were married on June 10, 1967 in Carson City, Nevada. Together, with her four children and his children, Dwayne Jr., Gary, Philip, Vivian and Randy, they created a new family.

Viola loved fishing, camping, gardening, baking and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved animals, especially

cats. She fed numerous homeless kitties through the years. She leaves behind her faithful kitty companion, Oreo. She also loved creating personal cards on her computer for her family and friends.

Viola was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Yreka and loved serving the Lord. Praising him throughout the day was a testament of her faith.

She is survived by her loving children, Mike (Paula) Chapman from Auburn, Pat (Rebecca) Chapman of Montague, Mark (Koye) Chapman and Linda (Alan) Cox, both of Yreka; her stepchildren, Dwayne (Patti) Ottinger of Myrtle Creek, Ore., Gary Ottinger of Citrus Heights, Phil (Crystal) Ottinger of Hartline, Wash., Vivian (Don) Adams of Fresno and Randy (Jennifer) Ottinger of Chico; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly. She is also survived by her brother, David (Stephanie) Fraser of Oceano and her nephew, Aaron (Julie) Fraser of Elk Grove. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne, in 2011 and by her parents. A celebration of her life is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the First Southern Baptist Church in Yreka with a fellowship time to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Viola's memory to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (PT)

First Southern Baptist Church Yreka  
921 S. Oregon Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up next door to the Ottingers, they were a good family. Mrs Ottinger was fantastic, was always kind and encouraging, she was like a second mom to me. I will miss being able to stop by and talk with her. Best wishes to the family.

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**Ron Doty** - September 21, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ I was a very young CNA working with Vi at the old Siskiyou General Hospital. I loved her personality and warm, friendly interactions with patients. She was one of those nurses you would remember fondly if you were her patient and indeed I will always remember her as a co-worker and friend. She was one of a kind. RIP dear Vi.

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**Teri Knighten** - September 21, 2017 at 01:17 AM