



Wanda Ruth Kiep

December 6, 1932 - March 31, 2026

Wanda Ruth Kiep, a beloved longtime resident of Etna, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 31, 2026, at the age of 93. For nearly seven decades, Etna was not just her home, but the place where she built a life centered on faith, family, and service to others.

Wanda was born on December 6, 1932, in Pocasset, Oklahoma, to Eldon and Minnie (McClellin) Wilder. In 1953, she married the love of her life, Alfred John Kiep Jr., and together they began a journey that brought them to Etna in 1957, where they would put down deep roots and raise their family.

Wanda had a lifelong love of learning and teaching. She began her career as a teacher before dedicating herself fully to raising her children. Later, she returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher, where she continued to share her knowledge and care with generations of students.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Wanda was deeply involved in the Scott Valley Berean Church, where she served in countless ways over the years. She played the piano, taught Bible studies, organized the church directory, led the prayer chain, served as a deaconess, greeted newcomers, and quietly supported families in need. Wanda didn't just see the struggles of others-she stepped in to help, offering her time, her energy, and her compassionate heart.

She also found joy in creating with her hands. Whether sewing, knitting, or crocheting, Wanda lovingly made clothing and gifts for those around her, each piece a reflection of her generosity and care.

Wanda will be remembered as a deeply loving and selfless woman-someone who was always ready to lend a hand, solve a problem, or brighten someone's day. Tireless in her efforts and unwavering in her kindness, she made a lasting difference in the lives of so many.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Alfred; her children, Linda Hay of Tustin, Claudia Hooten of Fresno, and Dan Kiep of Etna; as well as three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her older sister Velma and younger brother Bob.

A Celebration of Wanda's life will be held on May 9, 2026, with a committal service at 1:00 p.m. at Etna Cemetery, followed by a church service and reception at 2:00 p.m. at Scott Valley Berean Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Wanda's memory through donations to the Scott Valley Berean Church, Rockside Ranch, or a charitable organization close to your heart.

Cemetery Details

Etna Cemetery

Sawyers Bar Road
Etna, CA 96027

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

Etna Cemetery
Sawyers Bar Road
Etna, CA 96027

Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Scott Valley Berean Church
134 Church Street
Etna, CA 96027

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Remembering my Great Aunt Wanda today. She had such a gentle, genuine way about her, and I'm grateful for the moments I got to share with her.



Scott Fisher - April 22 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Wanda was my Sunday school teacher at the SV Berean church- a dear lady who loved God.

Lynne Kellems - April 18 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Heartfelt prayers for Mr. Kiep and all her family.

Maureen Thomas - April 17 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I never knew a more pure soul.

Deborah Meyer - April 17 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Love and prayers are with you all during this time of loss 🙏

Susan Bigham-Lanning - April 16 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ One of my favorite people....

Erin McKee Fowle - April 16 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ One of the kindest people I've ever met. My heart goes out to her family ❤️

Stephanie Reynolds - April 16 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Rip sweet lady

Susan Marie-March Henninger - April 16 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all!! Sweet lady!! 🙏🙏

Gaylene Buchholz-Earp - April 16 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ She had such a huge heart.

Ginger Moyles - April 16 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ She was a Special Person and will be Greatly Missed ❤️

Diane Wiman - April 16 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ She was my first Sunday School teacher, lovely lady.

Ruth Alexander - April 16 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Such a kind , gentle soul. Always warm and welcoming. ❤️🙏❤️

Cynthia Keno - April 16 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Wanda was a beautiful person. She welcomed our family to Scott Valley with kindness.

Susan Record Thackeray - April 16 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Wanda was such a sweet lady-she was so kind from the first day I meet her in 1980 . I always enjoyed talking to her when I saw them while home visiting. The lord gained another angel. My condolences to Mr. Kiep and all his family!

Debbie Bowling - April 16 at 12:00 AM

TG

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Tracy Bensen Gorsuch - April 16 at 12:00 AM

AK

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Wanda Ruth Kiep - April 16 at 12:00 AM

DM

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Debbie March - April 16 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ A true woman after God's heart. She is dancing with Jesus in the streets of Heaven 🙏❤️

Heather Davis - April 16 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *A very kind lady.* 🕊️

Alison Lang - April 16 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Awwww what a sweet sweet soul* 💖 *we will miss you.*

Jeannie Flaherty - April 16 at 12:00 AM