



## Willa Mae Hudson

July 30, 1917 - January 23, 2022

Willa Mae Thomas Hudson went to her well deserved rest on January 23, 2022 at the age of 104. She was born on July 30, 1917 to Yreka's pioneering Thomas family. Raised on a dairy farm south of town, she became her father's helper: milking cows, running the separator, digging wells and working in the hayfields.

Willa married Larry Hudson, her dad's ranch hand, immediately after graduating from Yreka High School in 1935 and left ranch life to become Larry's constant companion, following his jobs in construction up and down the Western states. After eleven years, two daughters were born into the union, Karyl Marie and Nancy Jean. In 1955 the family finally settled in Oroville where Willa began her 25 year career as school cook with the Oroville School District. Upon retirement, Larry and Willa bought a motor home and traveled for three years. After Larry's death and sixty years of marriage (they said it wouldn't last) Willa eventually came back to her beloved Siskiyou County and spent the last eleven years with Karyl in beautiful Scott Valley. Willa is survived by her daughters, Nancy Edeline (David) of Yuma, Arizona and Karyl White of Fort Jones; five grandchildren, 14 and a half great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; a sister-in-law, Julia Thomas of Fort Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews. She loved and cherished all of them.

Willa's legacy will be her kind heart, generous spirit and love of God. She had the quiet patience of the saints but the spunk of a terrier. Thank you, Mom, for

giving us the example of a "Godly Woman." See you in the morning.  
Private graveside services have been held. The family would like to thank  
Nellie, Deena, Gladys Maggie and Roger at Madrone Hospice for all of their  
care.

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



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**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - April 27 at 04:00 PM

JT

“ *Condolences to the immediate and extended family of Willa Mae Thomas Hudson. My father, Willard Wirt Thomas and Willa Mae were first cousins. My dad's dad (my grandfather) was a brother to Willa Mae's dad William Berry Thomas. I remember my dad talking about Willa Mae, and perhaps at sometime when as a youngster visiting my grandmother Bessie Thomas in Yreka we may have met, I don't know. Regardless, my heartfelt condolences once again for your loss of a dear lady. Jeff Thomas email: thomasjpp@peoplepc.com Spokane, WA*

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**Jeff Thomas** - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Willa May at 7 months old*

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**Jeff Thomas** - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Wow*

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**Bette Jo McDonald** - February 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sincere condolences to her family.*

Elizabeth Stewart - February 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KN

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

Kristen Naylor - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *What a lady*

Maggie Harris - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AH

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Willa Mae Hudson - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Willa Mae Hudson*

Gregg Girdner - February 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM