



Winifred "Mary" Ryce

November 10, 1933 - June 1, 2012

Mary passed away on June 1, 2012 due to complications from COPD.

Mary was born November 10, 1933 in San Francisco to Robert Donald Mills and Winifred Mary Mills. The oldest of three children, Mary was raised by her great-grandmother and great-grandfather, Ren and Winifred Lewis.

Mary graduated from Polytechnic High School in San Francisco, California.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Max Maurice Ryce, her brother, Robert "Bobby" Mills, and sister-in-law Louise Mills. Mourning her loss is her sister, Dana and Wayne Mathus; her children, Jim Proctor, Joan Proctor, Joyce and Tony Martinez, Nancy Ryce, and Susan Scott; her grandchildren Jamie and Eddie Boyce, Erica and Joseph Mosley, Melody and Joseph Costa, Joseph and Aubray Ryce-Martinez, and Jacqueline Ryce; her great-grandchildren Wilder Boyce, Max Ryce; and many nephews and nieces. Mary was on the Yreka High School Board, and spent a lot of community service hours helping the schools, aiding in reading programs and the development of new school facilities.

A member of the Water District and Cemetery Board in Hornbrook, California, Mary was outgoing with a fantastic sense of humor, and loved having a good time.

A voracious reader, tournament bowler, and ace card player, Mary loved life, dolphins, good food, and family. Even though her children often lived far away, she always made time to visit them, as well as other exotic locations such as Peru.

Mary was well-loved, often thought of, and will be thoroughly missed. Services will be held Friday, June 8, 2012 at 3 PM at the Henley Hornbrook Cemetery. A potluck will follow at the Hornbrook Grange Hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions towards funeral costs would be appreciated. Please send contributions to Dana Mathus, P.O. Box 3, Montague, CA 96064.