



Cleona Phaye Ford

July 11, 1933 - February 1, 2019

Cleona Phaye Ford of Visalia passed away on February 1, 2019, at the age of 85. Mrs. Ford was born July 11, 1933, in Blanchard, Oklahoma to Willie and Ora Sharp. As a young girl Cleona moved from Oklahoma to California. She lived and attended schools in Dinuba. During her high school years, Cleona met the love of her life (Donald Ford). In 1950, she and Don were married and together they settled in Dinuba and started their family. They eventually relocated to Visalia where they continued to raise their family. They owned and operated Ford's Nibble Nook Drive-In in Visalia for 25 years before retiring in 1989. Cleona spent many years attending Visalia First Assembly of God and Visalia Nazarene Church, where she was a member. In her early years of raising her family, she enjoyed singing special numbers at church. Cleona enjoyed bike riding, drinking coffee and playing Yahtzee with Don, crafting, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and hosting family gatherings. She, along with Don, also enjoyed attending their children's and grandchildren's sporting events, camping, traveling, annual vacations at Morro Bay in their RV, and spending time with friends. While living at an independent retirement community, Cleona enjoyed music and special events, crafts, outings, playing Bingo and Bocce ball. She will be best remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed. Cleona was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 60 years Donald C Ford; her son Donald B. Ford and his wife, Charlotte Ford; and an infant daughter, Brenda Phaye Ford. She is survived by 2 sons; Randy Ford and wife Debra of Ivanhoe and Jeff Ford and wife Sandy of Visalia; a sister-in-law Marilyn "Joyce" Anderson of Kingsburg; 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at the Visalia Cemetery on February 8, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

Events

FEB **Graveside** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia, CA, US, 93291

Comments



“ Randy and Jeff, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was such a sweet lady. Special memories growing up being your neighbors. Prayers to you and your families.

I'm out of town and just read the news. Sorry I didn't get to go to her service.
Kathy Wilson Guinn

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