



Betty Herndon

March 26, 1924 - March 7, 2017

Our loving mother and Mimi went to be with Christ her savior on March 7, 2017. Betty Jean Herndon, age 92, was born on March 26, 1924 in Tahlequah, OK to Emilie and George Benge. Betty attended local schools graduating valedictorian from Henryetta High School. She then attended Northeastern State Teachers College and became a social worker for the welfare department.

She met the love of her life, Cliff Herndon, on a double date. It wasn't long into the evening that they both realized they enjoyed each other's company better than the date they were paired with. Betty and Cliff were married on December 23, 1950.

They moved to Visalia in 1951 where Cliff had accepted a teaching position. Meanwhile Betty was dedicated to raising her four children and caring for others. She was a member of First Baptist Church (Gateway) for over 60 years where she served in numerous capacities, working in the nursery and teaching Sunday school to all age groups. She served as a deaconess for many years cooking and organizing meals for grieving families and delivering kind notes of comfort and encouragement. Betty was also known for her delicious minestrone soup, oatmeal and sugar cookies.

Betty and Cliff enjoyed traveling and spending time with their children and

grandchildren. Their favorite vacation spot was Pacific Grove, CA. Betty had an artistic flair and enjoyed doing many arts and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her children Mary (Gary) Smidderks Granada Hills, Ben (Margot) Herndon Los Angeles, David(Sandi) Herndon Visalia and Beth (David) Eddy Tulare; grandchildren Casey, Brittani, Jacob and Zachary Herndon, Emily (Dennis) Fuller , Meredith Eddy and great grandson Jax Fuller.

Betty will be laid to rest in a private family graveside service entrusted to Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

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“ We had the privilege of meeting Cliff and Betty several years ago through the marriage of our daughter Sandi to their son David. It became a wonderful relationship sharing family get togethers. Then when the grandchildren came along it further bonded us with the new lives that we could share. Over the years we have seen the loving, caring and dedication shown by Cliff and Betty to their family. After Cliff's passing Betty continued to carry on as a great mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Although we will miss her gracious smile, we know that she is now free of pain and celebrating in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With Much Love,
Vern & Cathy Laney

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