



## Betty Alice Langston

July 29, 1933 - June 14, 2023

Just six weeks shy of her 90th birthday, Betty Alice Langston of Visalia, CA, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of June 14th, 2023.

Betty is survived by her son Skip Langston and daughter-in-law Patty, daughter Marlene Cooper and son-in-law David, and stepdaughter Jeannie Bickle and her husband Gary. She is also survived by grandchildren Kelly Cooper, Michael Cooper and wife Tiffany, Gary Sawaska, Joy Flynn and husband Thomas, Jennifer Salinas and husband Aaron, as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Born on July 29th, 1933, in Hubbard, Ohio, Betty was the third oldest of eight siblings. She grew up helping on the family farm and worked for a local candy confectioner throughout high school. After graduating and starting a family - sons Gary and Skip - Betty moved out west to California, beginning in Los Angeles, where she had daughter Marlene, and opened "Betty's Cafe" on Inglewood Boulevard. Eventually Betty and her children moved to Bakersfield. It was here she met George David Langston, the love of her life, whom she would marry on June 8th, 1962 and go on to spend the next 41 years with. George and Betty moved to Visalia in 1990, when Betty joined her daughter and son-in-law's business, American Ambulance of Visalia, beginning a 25-year tenure as a busy member of the billing department and everyone's honorary grandmother.

Betty was an active member of the community. She spent many years volunteering her time every Friday at the Visalia Community Church of Christ food donation, and later joined the Visalia Gleaners. Though not a resident herself, Betty also played Bingo and Bunco two nights a week at the Kimball Court Assisted Living Center - quite religiously for years - until eventually she stopped driving and was forced to slow down a bit. However, This didn't keep Betty from other long-enjoyed pastimes, like avidly reading, working on a puzzle, meandering the Morro Bay shores for sea glass, going to the movies, or cuddling a great-grand baby.

Although she didn't quite make it to her 90th birthday, Betty outlived all but her youngest of eight siblings. She was surrounded by family in her final days.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Betty in the coming months.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).