



## Carolyn Mackey

January 12, 1943 - August 28, 2016

Carolyn Inez Mackey was called home to Heaven on August 28, 2016. Carolyn was born on January 12, 1943 in Harrison, AR, the fourth child of six to Rev. Corbett Crace and Inez Crace. Carolyn grew up in Arkansas and Nashville, TN. In 1963 her family moved to Visalia, CA. where her father was the pastor of First Assembly of God at Oak St. and Conyer. She met the love of her life William (Bill) Mackey and they were married June 12, 1964. God blessed them with a daughter Charise Martinez and son Todd Mackey. Carolyn worked along side her husband Bill at The Garden Nursery for 10 years overseeing their Rent-A-Plant business. She worked in the office at Visalia First Assembly for 15 years as an Administrative Assistant to Pastor Albert Padilla. Carolyn was Director of the Women's Ministries in 1995 for 5 years being responsible for starting many of the programs including "Girlfriend's Night Out" which still exist today.

Carolyn and two of her sisters, Charlotte and Sue, sang as a trio and blessed many people with their music. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, in-law and faithful friend. Her family was the joy of her life and friends were special to her. God blessed her with a sweet gentle loving spirit and a good sense of humor. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Corbett Crace.

She is survived by her husband William (Bill) Mackey, daughter Charise (Ed) Martinez, son Todd (Dione) Mackey.

Grandchildren: Bryce (Ashley) Motl, Jonathan Motl, Mackenzie Motl, Katerina Mackey, Lily Mackey and great-grandchildren Kamryn and Aubrey Motl.

Sisters: Janet (Ken) Ferrell of Pompano Beach, FL, June Scott, Visalia, Charlotte (Jack) Grinovich of Oklahoma City, OK, Sue (Ike) Gilmore of Albuquerque, NM, Brother Dan (Latricia) Crace, Nixa, MO., Brother-in-law Daryl (Jacque) Mackey of Visalia.

She leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family relatives and many close friends.

There will be a viewing at the Salser and Dillard Funeral Home, 127 E. Caldwell on Thursday, Sept 1 from 4-8 pm. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, Sept.2, 10:30 a.m. at the Visalia First Assembly, 3737 S. Akers. A reception will follow the service.

Visitation will be held at 4 PM till 7 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, September 2, 2016 at Visalia First Assembly of God.

A private graveside service will be held at 9 AM on Friday, September 2, 2016 at Visalia District Cemetery.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Service

SEP 2. 10:30 AM (PT)

Visalia First Assembly of God  
3737 S Akers St  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ In memory of my sister, Carolyn Crace Mackey. I have been deeply saddened by Carolyn's " home going." She slipped away from us into the arms of Jesus. She's at peace now, but we are grieving our loss. It's hard to say we cannot call her and talk to her, we cannot see her now, we cannot have "moments" with her now. It's hard to know she's gone. I will miss her for the rest of my days. She was so precious to all of us. Tears come with the word "death"; but "joy" comes with the assurance that she is now with our Heavenly Father for Eternity. Janet Crace Ferrell

Janet Crace Ferrell - October 02, 2016 at 09:20 PM

DM

“ I choose to remember my aunt Carolyn as I have always carried her in my heart. A beautiful brunette, with a sweet smile and an infectious laugh. While she was always outwardly beautiful I knew she was even more so in her soul. Even as a child I knew this of her. Today is the first day I could cry. Not so much for our loss, but for her relief from any pain or suffering. While in my lifetime on Earth I had very few days with her I rejoice in the knowledge she is with Grandma & Grandpa and we will have an eternity together to enjoy each other and I will enjoy that beautiful laugh again! Rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus aunt Carolyn. I love you. Your niece, Debbie.

Deborah Miller - September 04, 2016 at 05:03 PM

SG

Very sweet, Debbie!

Sue Gilmore - September 11, 2016 at 08:04 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, dear family today and the days after. She will be greatly missed, but we will see her again. I know she is rejoicing now!!

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**Mary and Darin Crace** - September 02, 2016 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Dear Billy Gene, Charice, and Todd, my heart goes out to you at this time of horrible grief. You are all in my prayers as well as the rest of the family...Carolyn was one of the sweetest, most gracious and kind ladies I have ever met. The very first time I met her, Billy Gene had brought her over to our house so she could meet his Uncle LeRoy and Aunt Kathy and there five daughters. I was one of the oldest and thought your mom looked like Jaquelin Kennedy. She smiled the whole time and was very sweet. I remember Billy Gene looking so happy. I was probably only 12 or so but that's how I will always remember her... Just one of the cousins.....Janet Covert Betchel



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**Janet Covert Betchel** - September 01, 2016 at 08:13 PM

TL

“ Bill, Todd and Dione,

So sorry for your loss. The times I met with her to see Lily she was gracious and sweet.

Teresa Lekoff  
Koinonia

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**Teresa lekoff** - September 01, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carolyn Mackey.* ”



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August 31, 2016 at 04:11 AM



“ *Sean & Darla Grinovich and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Mackey.* ”



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**Sean & Darla Grinovich and Family** - August 31, 2016 at 03:01 AM



“ *This sweet lady always had smile on her face and a kind word to others. She will be missed.* ”

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**Natalie Smith Fronczek** - August 31, 2016 at 12:45 AM



“ *Charlotte Grinovich lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Mackey* ”



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**Charlotte Grinovich** - August 30, 2016 at 11:22 PM

CG

“ Charlotte Grinovich purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Mackey.



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**Charlotte Grinovich** - August 30, 2016 at 10:09 PM

CG

“ Bill, Todd and Charise,

*My heart broke when I received the news on Sunday that Carolyn had passed away. But, I realize she is home, free from her suffering, only peace and rest now. I can't believe she is gone, but only from this life. My grandchildren sing often so beautifully a song "All I Know Is I'm Not Home Yet" being fully aware that Heaven is our home eternally with our Heavenly Father. Even those young ones know that someday we who know the Lord will spend eternity with Him and look forward to that day. Carolyn was a beautiful soul and a sweet, precious sister. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her, especially you, Bill, her faithful, loving husband as will her children and grandchildren. Our love and prayers will be with all of you as you walk through the days ahead.*

*"Those who belong to the Lord shall live again, their bodies shall rise again! Those who dwell in the dust shall awake and sing for joy! For God's light of life will fall like dew upon them." Isaiah 26:19*

*In Loving Memory of My Beautiful Sister,  
Charlotte (Jack and our Children and Grandchildren)*

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**Charlotte Grinovich** - August 30, 2016 at 10:08 PM

DN

“ *Bill and family,*

*It is with a heavy heart that I was informed of Carolyn's passing. Bill, some of my warmest memories of you and Carolyn are when the two of you would visit us in Santa Cruz when I was a boy. I remember how much fun it was when Carolyn would lighten any situation with her infectious laugh! As we all aged and our family had the opportunity to get together I always looked forward to time spent with the two of you, and as standard, Carolyn's laugh would set the tone for a great time. Carol and I especially remember your hosting a family reunion at your home the day after our wedding.*

*While Carolyn will be missed here on earth heaven gained a new angel that we are sure is laughing and enjoying a long awaited reunion there.*

*Doug and Carol Newberry*

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**Doug Newberry** - August 30, 2016 at 04:33 PM

SG

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Sue Gilmore** - August 30, 2016 at 10:29 AM

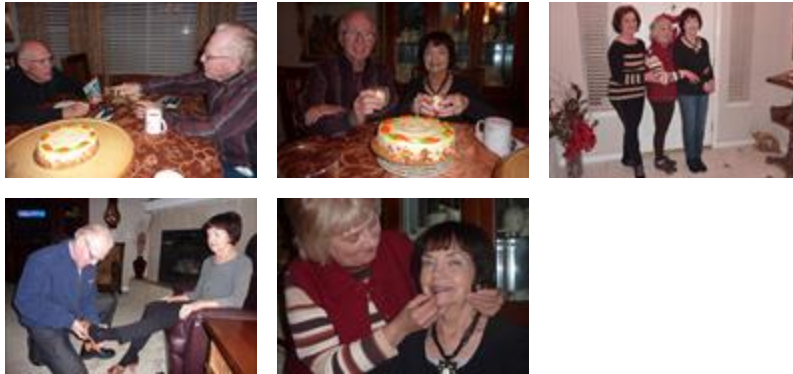
SG

“ It is difficult to "let go" of the first of 6 siblings: Carolyn and I are only 21 months apart--the 4th and 5th girls in the Crace family. With her passing into Glory, it is wonderful to imagine what rejoicing there was on Sunday--when Mother and Daddy "welcomed" her! YES, we will miss her sweet disposition; YES, we will have another family reunion one of these days.

Sue Gilmore - August 30, 2016 at 08:59 AM

SG

“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



Sue Gilmore - August 30, 2016 at 08:53 AM

SG

*Sharing birthdays in January; now, looking forward to sharing eternity!*

Sue Gilmore - September 11, 2016 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ The Leroy Covert family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Mackey.



The Leroy Covert family. - August 29, 2016 at 11:15 PM

JB

“ Dear Billy Gene, Todd & Cherise,  
Please know how very very sorry we are to hear of the loss of Carolyn. Soooo weird as last week I drove by those little pink apartments you lived in and I babysat for Todd, and thought about you guys. He was such a cute baby with that blond hair and those beautiful blue eyes! That just doesn't seem possible that time passed so quickly. My husbands Mom died on Tues. We were expecting it, but no one is ever really prepared at the grief that follows. We know they are with God, and we are surely happy for that, but we want them here with us! Please know how much I looked up to Carolyn. She was always quiet, warm, sweet, and a beautiful lady. I remember i wanted to be like her when I grew up. Please take comfort in the fact she is with God and we will be with all our loved ones again when God decides. Carolyn wouldn't want you to be sad. That would break her heart. You will all be in our prayers. Love Julie Covert Boydston



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**Julie boydstun** - August 29, 2016 at 08:25 PM