



Elaine Chloe Ritchie

April 8, 1940 - April 17, 2014

It is with great sadness that the family of Elaine Chloe Ritchie announces her passing on Thursday April 17th 2014. She was born April 8th 1940. She went to be with the Lord at the age of 74. She married Floyd Ritchie Jr. on June 23rd 1956. They were married for 57 lovely years. Elaine enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed going to the coast, gardening and reading books. She loved decorating her home and shopping. Mom was a wonderful cook which we all learned from her. Her hobby was sewing. When her grand children were young she sewed all their Halloween costumes. Most of all she loved spending time with her family and close friends. Our hearts are broken. She will truly be missed. Elaine is preceded in death by her father Carl Swearingen, her mother Lorene Swearingen and a sister Carlene Farnsworth. Elaine leaves behind a husband Floyd Ritchie Jr. a daughter Debbie Avila and son in law Joseph Avila. A son Mark Ritchie and a daughter Taren Grote. Grandchildren Jared Avila, Justin Avila, (Allison Avila), Josh Avila, Brooke Olaho (Dave Olaho), Chad Ritchie, Tyler Ritchie, and Kirk Grote. One great grand-daughter Madison Avila. She also leaves behind a brother Richard Swearingen (Connie Swearingen). In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society 110 W. Main Street Visalia, Ca. 93291

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial

APR 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

Gateway Church of Visalia
1100 S Sowell St
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

VN

“ *Floyd, Debbie & Family,
We have just returned from a 3 week visit at Rick's to find the service notice. I am so sorry and wish I could have attended the service. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and would like to get together with you if possible. I loved Elaine dearly!!*

Virginia

Virginia Newberry - April 28, 2014 at 09:27 PM

WY

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Always a lady in every way. Elaine was a shining example of how to be a good mom, wife and friend. She will be truly missed.
Jimmy and Wyonell Dreo.*

wyonell - April 27, 2014 at 01:40 PM

BS

“ *Barbara S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Elaine Chloe Ritchie.*



Barbara S. - April 25, 2014 at 11:41 AM

GW

“ Elaine was so good to me, I use to babysit the kids when they were young. I remember the time she took me to the coast for a whole week, just her and the kids. She sewed some of my dresses in high school. Elaine was so GOOD to me, I will never forget her. She made me feel like part of the family. My prayers go out to Floyd, Debbie, Mark, Taren and the Family. I love you all. Gerri Madruga Ware

Gerri Madruga Ware - April 25, 2014 at 08:51 AM

DB

“ A vibrant, fun school mate, a cherished sorority sister, truly a blessing to have had Elaine in my life...my prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Doris Beattie/Marian Beattie

Doris Beattie - April 24, 2014 at 08:58 PM

NB

“ Condolences to the Swearingen and Ritchie Families and to all their loved ones.



Nancy E Barnes - April 24, 2014 at 05:13 PM

GO

“ Debbie, I so sorry about your Mother, I knew you had to be a great daughter to her by always being there for her like over the years you have always being there for my Mother and always being there for are loss. You are such a great women... Love Gary



Gary K Ortiz - April 24, 2014 at 02:12 PM

GO

“ Mark, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult loss. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you in this trying time....condolences Gary Ortiz. Mark, I will try to make it on Monday, but if I can't, I will be thinking of you and Debbie, and your whole family. Take care my good friend.

Gary K Ortiz - April 24, 2014 at 02:05 PM

CB

“ Dear Debbie, my heart aches for you and your family during this time. Your mother was such an amazing person and she will truly be missed. She was so lucky to have a amazing daughter like you.....My sincere love and condolences, Christina Baggett

Christina Baggett - April 24, 2014 at 01:56 PM