



Elzie Mazelle Carpenter

November 11, 1932 - January 19, 2021

Elzie Mayzelle (Nan) Carpenter, 88 of Visalia passed away January 19, 2021.

She was born November 11, 1932 in Ada Valley, Arkansas to Joe and Nina Epperson. Nan moved to Porterville, CA in 1938. Her father Joe Epperson was the Pastor at The Assembly of God Church in Porterville while farming local crops. She move to Santa Maria, CA in 1942 where her father became the pastor at the church there. Soon after she started her family. Her first-born Glenda Morris-Estrada in 1950, Barbara de la Rosa in 1953, and Zella Smallword Burrows in 1955. Nan started working at The Sisters Hospital in the OB Department. She worked through 1968. Nan was proud to say "I was never on any government assistance". Nan was a very hard working woman. In 1968 she moved to Burbank, CA where she became a property manager. In 1969, she and her husband Addison Leonard moved to Kerman, CA where she became a cook at Kerman High School. Nan and Pop moved to Visalia, CA in 1985 where she worked at The Visalia Christian School as a cook. She volunteered for the church cooking dinners. She quoted "Wednesdays were hard; I cooked for the schools all day and I have to turn around and cook for the church dinners". She was doing all of this while managing The Courtyard Apartments. She loved God, her family, enjoyed family gatherings, selling princess house crystal, and yes selling wigs-in her early days. She even got a blonde wig for herself. Nan is survived by her three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. One sister Linda Cox from

Texarkana, TX and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Addison Leonard Carpenter and her beloved grandson Jason Rodriguez. Her parents Rev Jo Epperson, Nina Avantee Epperson. Her sister Ima Jean, her brother JC Epperson, and her favorite Son-In-Law Jim Don Morris.

Graveside services will be held 12:00 PM Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia. Viewing will be held privately.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291