



Ethel Mae McKinney

May 25, 1939 - May 27, 2020

Ethel (Cecil) Mae McKinney (Oden), 81, passed away surrounded by her loved ones on May 27th, 2020 in Tulare Ca. She was born on May 25th, 1939 to Ray and Doras Oden (Woodard). She attended Sundale and graduated from Tulare union High School in 1957. After graduation, Ethel Married the love of her life, Donald Gene McKinney on June 29th 1957, in El Paso, Texas. Ethel became an army wife and moved to North Carolina, while Don served his country. Eventually they settled back in Tulare to start their family. They had three children, Michael Ray, Mark Allen, and Kimberly Lynn who were her biggest joys in life. Ethel adored each and everyone of her children and grandchildren. She was a Den mother for her boys and followed Kim during many band trips. Ethel worked at Tulare Joint Union High School District as a bus driver where she retired after 35 years. She enjoyed her three grandchildren as well as her three great grandchildren. In addition, she enjoyed traveling, especially to the beach, Reno, and going to play bingo as much as possible.

Ethel is survived by her son Mark McKinney, Daughter Kimberly McKinney, Granddaughter Heather Martins (Tony), two grandsons, David McKinney and Brycen Knox (Kylie), three great granddaughter Makenzie Martins, Montana Martins, and Mylee Martins, One Sister Kay Bonds (Al), daughter in law Karen McKinney, and many loved and adored nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ethel is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Doras Oden, Husband, Donald McKinney, Son Michael McKinney, and two brothers, Robert "Bob"

Oden and William "Bill" Oden.

Ethel was loved by all who knew her and was a second mom to many. She will be missed deeply.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

JUN 4. 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

North Tulare Cemetery
4572 J. St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Ethel Mae McKinney*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - June 04, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ethel Mae McKinney*



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“ *Kelly Rowe lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae McKinney*



Kelly Rowe - June 04, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DB

“ *Ethel was my sister-in-law, and you couldn't have asked for a better sister-in-law. So many lovely memories of times with her when she (and a bus load of band members) came here to Anaheim; Santa Ana & Long Beach. Times of Disneyland in the rain & sunshine. Happy times with family gatherings & camping in Big Meadows. Ethel will always have a special place in my heart & prayers.*

Diana Burns

Diana Burns - June 04, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Kelly Rowe lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae McKinney*



Kelly Rowe - June 02, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae McKinney.*



June 01, 2020 at 09:54 PM

PR

“ *Ethel, Oh the fun we used to have. Love you and am praying for the family.*

Peggy (Oden) Ribeiro

Peggy (Oden) Ribeiro - June 01, 2020 at 09:40 PM