



Freda Mae McCarty

October 29, 1934 - December 18, 2020

Freda Mae (Kile) McCarty, 86, of Visalia, left this world to be with her Heavenly Father on December 18, 2020, due to heart failure.

Freda was born in Dinuba on October 29, 1934, to Bill and Sibyl Kile. Her sister, and lifelong best friend, Mona, joined the family two years later. Their family life was simple and full of love, hard work, and commitment. The girls loved family time, playing with paper dolls, and playing "school". Freda attended Sultana Elementary, where her love of playing school continued, and her love of reading began.

Freda graduated from Dinuba High School in 1952. She attended College of the Sequoias for one year, then began working as a secretary at a bank in Orange Cove.

In March of 1955, Freda met her soon to be husband, Ray, while "cruising Main Street", with friends. They were married on September 3, 1955. At that time, Ray was in the Air Force and stationed at Edward's Air Force Base. Freda began working as a secretary on the base for Convair Aviation. She later worked for The Tulare County Planning Department, then for the United California Bank from 1958-1964.

Freda and Ray had two children, Kile, born in 1964, and Kristen, born in 1966. She was a dedicated mother, a great cook, and always made sure her children knew how much they were loved.

When the children were young, Freda, along with her sister, went back to school and got their teaching credentials and masters degrees in reading.

Teaching was her passion. She loved children and was dedicated to enriching their lives both educationally and emotionally. She was greatly admired for her intellect and calm spirit. Even after she retired in 1995, she continued to volunteer her time teaching children and adults to read.

Freda was a dog lover. She never met a dog she wasn't instant friends with. She had many dog babies over her lifetime, and was secure in the fact that they would all be with her in heaven someday.

Her greatest love in life was her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. Her friendships and relationships centered around her church family. She was well read and a great teacher of the Bible. Even in her final years of dementia, she read her Bible and spoke of God's love. She was an amazing influence on so many people, and will be forever loved and missed.

Freda is survived by her husband of 65 years, Ray, her son Kile McCarty (and wife Shereen), her daughter Kristen Vossler (and husband Kirk), her brother in law, Cecil Sutton, her sister in law, Cloetta McCarty, her grandchildren: Taylor, Kaitlin, Ethan, Megan, Kyle, Kenny, Robin, Steven and Jennifer, as well as 9 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1977, her mother in 1994, and her sister in 2004.

Private burial services will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. The family plans on a Memorial service to honor her in the late spring or summer. The family would like to thank Jordeth Senior Care for providing wonderful care for Freda for the last year of her life.

Tribute Wall

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“ Michele K. Lapp lit a candle in memory of
Freda Mae McCarty



Michele K. Lapp - January 05, 2021 at 02:10 PM

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“ Kris & Family,

I have such fond memories of Freda! She was my mentor teacher at Garden Elementary; she was so patient with me and the students. Freda's ability to to be so kind when dealing with the students is what impressed me the most; she always remained calm when dealing with classroom situations. I had the privelege of working with Kris and Freda at Garden; Kris and I shared our love for dance and musical theater with the students and I know that Freda was so very proud.

I am very saddened to hear of Freda's passing and wanted to share with you how much she touched my life. She was loved by me and so many others. My deepest condolences to all of you!

*Love,
Michele Koster Lapp*

Michele K. Lapp - January 05, 2021 at 02:09 PM

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“ Kris and Family, we are sorry to read of your sweet mother's passing but so very glad she can enjoy her relationship with Jesus, now even more. She was a joy to be acquainted with and we appreciated her love for teaching and her students. She was the needed teacher-blessing for our daughter. Her kindness and interest in her students was Outstanding! I'm sad to read you all journeyed through Dementia with her...its a familiar journey for us, too. I wasn't surprised to read she remembered Scripture and probably hymns, etc...its a sweet spot we get to witness. God bless you all and may every day e filled with peace and sweet memories.
Your Sandra St Neighbors, David, Darla Burnett and Family

Darla Burnett - December 29, 2020 at 12:12 PM