



## Golda "Goldie" O'Brien

February 12, 1918 - October 13, 2016

Golda O'Brien, of Visalia, CA passed away on Thursday October 13, 2016. She was born February 12, 1918, in Russellville, Arkansas to Charles & Hattie Freyer. She grew up in Prague, OK, the eldest of four children of a German immigrant. On December 31, 1934 she married Loren Jack O'Brien in Meeker, Oklahoma. There they began farming and had their first child, living there until farming became difficult. To provide a better life for their growing family, in 1941 they moved to California and started farming in the Ivanhoe area. Golda helped with developing a couple of ranches, but the ranch on avenue 336 would become the family base creating fond memories for generations to come.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband "Jack" of 53 years, Sister Helen Guinn, brothers Carl and Coy Freyer. She is survived by her 3 children, Herschel O'Brien and wife Emma Jean, Jerry O'Brien and wife Sammie, daughter Janet O'Brien and son-in-law Michael Banks, 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her nieces Wilma Sawtell of Single Mountain, TN and Lucille Tressler of Berthoud, CO.

Goldie loved family time; working in her yard, going for drives and at 98 still loved having Friday night pizza and beer. She was truly an amazing woman and will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. In behalf of our mom, our families would like to thank the owners and staff of Casa Grande Assisted Living. For the last year and a half, you have treated our mom as

family which has made your facility second to none. Also, we would like to thank Liz, Renee, John and Lisa of Kaweah Delta Hospice for the special care in mom's final days. Visitation will be held, Thursday October 20, 2016 4-7pm at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held Friday, October 21, 2016 at Visalia District Cemetery at 9 AM. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 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>

## Graveside Service

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am sorry for your loss. Goldie was very kind person who always had a smile for me when I was growing up in Ivanhoe. She will smile for us as she watches from above. Stay strong.* ”



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**Nick and Gay Giotta** - October 19, 2016 at 01:11 PM

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“ *To the O'brien family, sorry for your loss of your family member. Stay strong at this difficult time. Golda was loved by many and will be missed.* ”

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**Sandy Stokes** - October 18, 2016 at 11:28 PM