



## Helen Louise Whittle

April 7, 1932 - September 16, 2023

Our Sweet Mama, H. Louise Whittle, passed peacefully with her children at her side early Saturday morning, September 16th, 2023. She had valiantly fought her failing body for three months. We are all grateful she is no longer suffering and knows the peace of Heaven. She was 91 years old.

Mom was born on April 7th, 1932 in Tipton, CA. Her parents were farmers and she worked the fields alongside her father and brothers when she was not in school. She was a hard worker all of her life. Mom had many smaller jobs throughout her life but she was most fulfilled as co-owner/manager of Shakey's Pizza Parlor, manager of Day & Night Market and owner/manager of the Highway Hut Caf  where she was really able to show off her culinary skills. But her proudest accomplishment was serving a two year term on the Tulare County Grand Jury. When her tenure was up in 1999 she was hired as secretary and we've been told she was like a mother to them and ran a very tight ship. Over the years she was also a member of Tulare County Women's Trade Club, Tulare Emblem Club and the Visalia Moose Club.

Mom is survived by her five children, Tom Babb (Stacie), Darlynn Sharpe (Darwin), John Babb (Sherry), Selina Park, and Valerie Watrous (Dan). She was immensely loved by seventeen grandchildren and many, many great grandchildren. She is also survived by her youngest brother, Don Nuckols of Visalia. Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Ira Nuckols and

Willie Brown Nuckols, and by her siblings, Wesley Nuckols and Sallie Goar.

She was married to our Father, Buddy B. Babb for 16 years. In 1969 she married William A. Whittle, who passed away from cancer in 1973. Mom never remarried and dedicated her free time to family, reading, cooking, canning, crafts, sewing and music. Patsy Cline was her favorite artist and her love for her music was passed on to her children and now grandchildren. We now have many of the great grandchildren also singing, "Crazy".

We have heard Mom say so many times over the years, "I love to watch people work". This came from her younger years working the fields. She said anytime she got a break she loved sitting back and watching all the others working. So Mama, here's to you. We hope in Heaven you're sitting in a beautiful garden (figuring out how to improve it), watching all Heavens gardener's work. With a glass of White Zin in your hand, a beautiful angel massaging your feet and a little Cherub on your shoulder who's sole job is to keep straightening your halo, we pray you're surrounded by your loved ones in eternal peace.

Graveside services will be held 10:30 AM Saturday, September 30th, 2023 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Louise Whittle*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - September 28, 2023 at 04:07 PM

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“ *We have such wonderful loving memories of your family which was our second family. Many great dinners and card nights will always be remembered. What fun we had with all the kids and great food. You will be missed by many and especially by those who loved you so. Max & Nadine Howard and family.*

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**Max & Nadine Howard** - September 29, 2023 at 05:37 PM

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“Dearest” Family of Louise Whittle,  
I have very “fond” memories of your “sweet”  
mom from so many years ago. She was the  
perfect hostess, best cook of delicious foods  
and so friendly and sweet to others. I  
remember visiting her home on several occasions, enjoying  
delicious food, deep pit and visits around the pool. My husband,  
Robert, now deceased, and I knew John, Selina and Valerie and  
were always made to feel welcome in their mom's home. “Thank  
you” for sharing your ways of life, the laughs, wonderful get-  
together's and your loving mom with us! Those cherished times  
were very “dear” to us. May the Lord bless you all with comfort and  
peace in the days to come.  
Love and Kindest Regards,  
Pam Avila



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**Pamela Avila** - September 27, 2023 at 12:15 PM