



Jacqueline Lee Nickles

May 2, 1943 - November 10, 2019

My grandmother was born in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma on May 2nd, 1943 to loving parents Carl and Ruby Kirksey.

She married Troy Sooter and they had two children: Gary Leon Sooter of Visalia, CA and Mary Ann Brannon of Hemet, CA.

She was talented academically. She graduated from nursing college and spoke at the graduation.

She enjoyed sports. She played on a women's softball team, "the Unpredictables" in Lakewood California from 1969 to 1972. She won third place in the Lakewood women's volleyball league in 1969. She also won third place in the Lakewood women's volley-tennis league and third place in women's slo-pitch in 1970. She was an avid bowler as well.

She was gifted musically. She played both the piano and accordion. She liked to play gospel hymns and popular music. She often played melodies she picked up listening to popular music on the TV or radio. Beyonce was one of her favorites. One of her favorite stories was of the time she played the accordion during her graduation ceremony at the nursing college.

Jackie loved flowers both indoors and out. She was skilled at making

arrangements. Sometimes she would take the same flowers and rearrange them several times. She would often tell me about the technique she used and how she arranged the flowers into geometric shapes, each time adding flowers and going for a more complex arrangement.

She adored her doll collection. She had antique replicas and popular dolls like the "Shirley Temple" doll. Her older sister Phillis made beautifully intricate crochet dresses for some of her dolls.

She accomplished a lot in her life, but for Jackie, her children and grandchildren meant more to her than anything. She was always there if we needed to talk and she always had some wisdom to share. She would often open her bible and share a verse or a prayer.

Previous Events

Memorial

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

NOV **16**. 11:00 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 Jacqueline Lee Nickles*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love & Prayers, Merj, Jay & Angel Connection Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jacqueline Lee Nickles.*



Love & Prayers, Merj, Jay & Angel Connection Family -
November 15, 2019 at 12:23 PM