



Jewell Mae Stevens

April 20, 1947 - January 22, 2021

Jewell Mae (Gaither) Stevens, 73, of Visalia, California, passed away at home on January 22, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by those who loved her. She was born on April 20, 1947 in Lake City, Arkansas. The daughter of John Wiley Gaither and Dora Gaither.

On November 23, 1962, she married Wonnie Stevens. They had 3 children, Alan Stevens, Connie (Stevens) Rhea, and Troy Stevens. Her children were her greatest treasures.

Jewell worked in the warehousing industry for over 30 years. She enjoyed playing Bingo and slots at the casino with her friends, reading an enjoyable book and spending time with her family. She will be remembered for being gentle in spirit, but firm in her love. Jewell offered the world a warm kindness that expected nothing in return and was never built on any personal convenience. She was selfless. Her sweet smile, welcoming spirit, and gentle hugs will be missed.

Jewell is survived by her son, Alan Stevens of Exeter, CA; daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Kevin Rhea of Visalia, CA; son Troy Stevens of Dewar, OK; sister Elberta Smith of Hartville, MO; sister Brenda Reser of Exeter, CA; sister and brother-in-law, Debbi, and Coney Rhea of Exeter CA; a granddaughter that she raised as her own, Amanda Stevens of Visalia, CA;

another 7 wonderful grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jewell was preceded in death by her father, John Wiley Gaither; mother, Dora Gaither; brother, Johnny Gaither; brother, Charles Gaither; brother, Junior Gaither and sister, Helen Stone.

Arrangements have been made through Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. There will be a viewing for Jewell on Monday, February 15, 2021. Family viewing will be from 3:00 pm ♦ 5:00 pm. Public viewing from 5:00 pm ♦ 7:00 pm. The Service will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10:00am. We will be webcasting the service, <<https://www.salseranddillardvisalia.com/obituaries/Jewell-Stevens>>-2/. Click on the media link. Graveside will follow the service at the Visalia Cemetery. Reception to follow at Exeter Church of The Nazarene, 400 W. Visalia Rd., Exeter, CA. 93223.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral

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

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

Graveside

FEB **16**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Jewell Mae Stevens*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 16, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jewell Mae Stevens*



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“ *She is so beautiful inside and out. Always showering her family and friends with an abundance of love. You could not know this wonderful lady without loving her. Her passing is a hard thing to accept, the loss is an enormous tragedy for her children and grandchildren whom she adored. I am proud and honored to be able to call her my friend . She will never be forgotten.*

Debbie Rios - February 15, 2021 at 07:56 PM

MC

“ *JEWEL MAE was such a very good friend to my RuthAnn...
I would always say that they “ were smoking... cussing and playing
cards” !!!
Her character was being kind and selfless...
Always served others...
A rare person who will truly be missed and remembered ...
She is in HEAVEN now with JESUS...
That makes me smile ,,,*

RuthAnn’s MIKE...

michael costa - February 15, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Jewell Mae Stevens.*



February 14, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Jewell Mae Stevens.*



February 11, 2021 at 08:59 AM