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On November 23, 2021, Katie Mae (Sellers) McAllister entered the gates of Heaven at the age of 91. Katie was born in Belton, Texas in 1930 and came to California with her family at age five. She grew up in Lindsay, California where she attended school and met the love of her life and husband of 70 years, James Wheaton McAllister. The story goes that Katie fell in love with Jim when she was just 11 years old. In the sixth grade she told her friends she would marry him, and darned if she didn't. They married in June, following Katie's high school graduation while Jim was on leave from the United States Navy. Katie and Jim made their home in Tulare where they raised three children- Donald, Steven, and Elizabeth. Katie worked as a bookkeeper and Clerk. Jim and Katie proudly owned and operated Bob Myers Clothiers in Tulare. Katie shined as a devoted daughter, wife, mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and was commonly referred to as Nana. Her family brought her the greatest joy. She loved collecting, watching "westerns" and talk shows, and she loved to eat dessert for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Katie loved babies and enjoyed helping family name their babies with her trusty name book each time our family was blessed with a little one. We will cherish her baby name book always! She had a humble, no-nonsense approach to life and was known to rule from her chair. Katie's signature

perfume was L'air Du Temps by Nina Ricci. Katie crocheted the most beautiful afghan blankets and scarves, and it brought her so much joy to share them with family. She looked forward to phone calls from family and her lifelong friends: Katherine Franklin, Lou Haynes, and Annalea Simmons. Laughter and humor always filled her home. Katie knew God all of her life, and her faith grew with age. Katie's favorite bible passage is Psalm 23 and her favorite hymn is Amazing Grace.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, James Wheaton McAllister; Oldest son, Donald McAllister; Daughter-in-Law, MaryAnn (Moore) McAllister; Grandson, Jason Linebarger McAllister, Parents Newell Franklin Sellers and Lillie Mae (West) Sellers; Brothers: James (Sonny) Sellers, and Bill Sellers; Son-in-Law, Daniel Holmes; Mother-in-Law, Syliva Marie (Conrow) McAllister; Father-in-Law, Charles Leroy McAllister; and Brother-in-Law, Ernest McAllister. Survivors include one son, Steven McAllister and wife Kim McAllister (Longview, Washington) and one daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Holmes; Eight Grandchildren and 10 Great-Grandchildren; One Brother Jack Sellers (Cora, Wyoming). Honorary Mention: Cindy Miguel. Memorial Rosary-Mass service will be held at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 954 South "O" St, Tulare, CA on Friday, February 11th, at 1:00 p.m. Immediately following the mass, burial will be at the North Tulare Public Cemetery, 572 North J Street Tulare CA, 93274 Tulare, CA.

Previous Events

Memorial

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

North Tulare Public Cemetery
4572 J St
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall

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“ *It has been a pleasure to have Katie as my Grandma. We love her and miss her dearly. ♡*



Veronica Moore - February 10, 2022 at 08:19 PM

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“ *Katie and I met at Washington Elem School iin Lindsay, CA in 1942. We were in the 6th grade. That is about 79 years of connection! We never lost touch in all those years. Katie was such a part of my life that even as I write this I am having difficulty because my eyes are filling with tears. Katie was a true and loving friend and I will miss her.*

Anna Wilmoth Simmons - December 14, 2021 at 12:44 AM

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“ *The first time I met Katie was at a Red Hats luncheon and we had some good times. I loved hearing her stories about when she was young. She'll always be fondly remembered as a lovely, sweet, and strong lady.*

Katrina Roberts - December 13, 2021 at 09:36 PM