



Lois Esther Sheesley

March 9, 1931 - May 5, 2015

SERVICES: a memorial service will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel.

BURIAL WILL BE AT (Private)

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

LOIS SHEESLEY

Lois Sheesley, loving sister, aunt, and friend to many, and an educator to countless students died at the end of a long productive life on May 5th, 2015. She was born Lois Esther Sheesley to Clayton and Mary Sheesley on March 9th, 1931 in Tulare, California and died at the age of 84. She grew up in Visalia and graduated from Visalia Union High School in 1949, where she was a very active in student activities and leadership. She remained close friends with many of

her High School classmates who were known as the 4gers.

Lois graduated from the College of the Sequoias in 1951 where she excelled in many art classes. After C.O.S. graduation, she transferred to California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, California where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She worked in the Bay Area for a few years prior to starting teaching Art and Crafts at Mt. Whitney High School in 1959. After

three years at

Mt. Whitney she taught for 27 years at Lindsay High ~here she taught classes in the Art Department as well as being Lindsay High Schools Yearbook Advisor.

While teaching at Lindsay, Lois met Carol Jones who moved in / with her. She and Carol~ also a Lindsay High teacher, became such great friends that they remained housemates until Lois's death.

Carol blended in so well with the Sheesley clan that everyone considers her part of the family. Lois retired from teaching at Lindsay High School in 1989 and Carol retired in 2004.

Lois is survived by her brother Gene (Anna) of Visalia and Bob (Vicky) of Fresno and Sequim, Washington, cousins Frank Selover (Bonnie) of Lindsay, Marv Waterman of Bakersfield; Six niece and nephews Steven, Scott (Lianna). Brian (Joni), David, Dana Rethwisch (Michael), Donald (Diane).Thirty two niece's and nephew's from Lois's Jones extended family also affectionally referred to her as their aunt.

A Celebration of Life Service honoring Lois's life will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 East Caldwell Ave., Visalia at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23rd. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that contributions be made to your local humane society or your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
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<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Tribute Wall

GF

“ With fond memories of Miss Sheesley. I was just talking to my daughter 2 days ago about Miss Sheesley, not knowing about her passing, that here was the best art teacher I ever had. She was always so encouraging with the work I was doing. She took my art piece to the Tulare County Fair and I received my first prize ever. She always took great interest in each students work never putting anyone down. I had the pleasure of having her as my art teacher for 2 years. Always will be remember. My deepest condolences to you Ms. Jones.
Gloria Fevinger class of 1966 (Lindsay High)

GLORIA FEVINGER - May 24, 2015 at 04:00 AM

KM

“ So sorry for your loss! Ms Sheesley was my art teacher until 1976. She was always encouraging and always kind. My favorite part of the day was art class. Then PE.

Kim Hoverter Morris

Kim Morris - May 23, 2015 at 02:47 PM

BM

“ To: MS. CAROL JONES...we wish to express our deepest condolences. We absolutely adored you in high school, especially in our senior year when we both served together as your aides in one of your P.E. classes. It was a fateful time, one that ultimately led to our current 22 years of marriage, and both of us serving simultaneously in the U.S. Air Force for the same amount of years. Funny thing, back then, you seemed to know we would somehow end up being together. You were very special to us. Again, please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Most Respectfully,

Brian Martin & Rosalie Mediana (Martin)

Lindsay High School, Class of 1989

Great Falls, MT

Email: bmart220@yahoo.com (if anyone knows how we can contact Ms. Jones, please email me...thank you.)

Brian Martin - May 22, 2015 at 08:34 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lois Esther Sheesley.



May 22, 2015 at 08:34 PM

MH

“ *Margie Pierce Hornung purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lois Esther Sheesley.*



Margie Pierce Hornung - May 20, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Lois Esther Sheesley.*




May 19, 2015 at 07:18 PM

SB

“ *Ms. Sheesley, was compassionate kind caring and creative. She showed me so much compassion and was extremely caring when my sisters had died. I never expected her to even say anything to me but she did. I will never forget her words of kindness. May she be smiling and laughing with all the great ones that are in her company now. Sherri Bain Byers*

sherri bain byers - May 16, 2015 at 10:35 PM

 Nancy Servin

“ *Ms. Sheesly was the best art teacher I have ever had the honor to know...she helped me through some rough times and helped me become who I am today...I'll miss you deeply you were a big part of my life in high school.*

Nancy Servin - May 16, 2015 at 09:11 PM

BS

“ I had worked with Lois at Lindsay High School in the 70s and 80s and we kept in touch over the years. One of my favorite memories of Lois is how when at a social event she would disappear at some point along with any kids that were around. If you would go and look for her you would find her in the middle of the kids working with them on an art project. She would have everyone involved and working together while having fun. Lois the Pied Piper of children!

Beryl Schantz - May 16, 2015 at 01:18 AM

BS

“ Beryl Schantz lit a candle in memory of Lois Esther Sheesley



Beryl Schantz - May 16, 2015 at 12:55 AM

CJ

Thank you so much Beryl --- I found many cabinet pictures for the service

carol jones - May 16, 2015 at 09:47 PM

BS

Ok, I will bring the jumbo box of Kleenex!

Beryl Schantz - May 22, 2015 at 07:18 PM

ME

“Lois was my Arts and Crafts teacher many moons ago, then my sons later in life. She was a blessing to all those who knew her, going out of her way to help you when in need. She will greatly be missed.

Merilyn McLees Davis

MERILYN - May 14, 2015 at 09:06 PM