



## Lola Irene Speaks

February 11, 1929 - March 17, 2018

Lola Irene DeSpain Speaks of Valencia, California passed into the presence of her Lord, March 17, 2018. Lola was born in Gate, Oklahoma to Emmitt and Celia DeSpain February 11, 1929. In 1935 the family moved to Southwest Missouri where Lola attended grade school at Horton, a one room school where all 8 grades were taught in the same small building. She graduated from Rocky Comfort, Missouri High School in 1946. After graduation she moved to Joplin where she worked at Montgomery Ward.

In August 1947 Lola married Robert Joseph Speaks, also from Rocky Comfort. Shortly after their marriage they decided to move west for more opportunities and settled in Visalia, California. They resided in Visalia nearly 50 years together before Robert (Bob) died in August 1996. Lola continued to live in Visalia until moving to Valencia two years ago to be near her son Larry Speaks. She is survived by two sons Larry and Gary Speaks, six grand children, five great grand children, Brothers Wendell DeSpain (deceased), San Antonio, Texas, Jimmie DeSpain, Rocky Comfort, Mo., Leo DeSpain & wife Dana, Lake Quivira, Ks, Sister, Eunice Schell & Husband Carl, Mansfield, Tx.

Lola became a member of Sierra Baptist Church in Visalia in 1949 and served in a variety of ways for over 60 years.

Funeral services will be at Salser & Dillard funeral Chapel, 127 East Caldwell Ave, Visalia California, 93277, March 29 at 11:00 AM. Internment will be at Visalia cemetery immediately following the memorial service. A luncheon will

be provided by members of Sierra Baptist Church, located at 1437 E. Walnut,  
Visalia, Ca 93292

Please note in lieu of flowers the family suggest you make a contribution in  
her name to Sierra Baptist Church, or your favorite charity.

Memorial Tributes can be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 East Caldwell  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Lola Irene Speaks*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 29, 2018 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Lola was one of my Mom's (Betty Reece) closest dearest friend. She was like a second Mom to me when I was little. I spent a lot of time at her home with her and her family. She was so loving and caring to me and my family. Lola will always have a place in my heart and I'll see her again some day.*

*I love you Lola. God Bless you.*

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**Donna McGee** - March 26, 2018 at 06:34 PM

RW

*My parents lived across the street from Lola for many years and she was a lifelong friend of my mother and father. She babysat my oldest son when he was a toddler. She was always gracious, welcoming and sweet. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

*Ronda Frazer Werner*

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**Ronda Werner** - March 27, 2018 at 11:21 AM

SB

*We lived across the street from Lola, Bob, Larry and Gary. Her house was always welcoming—I can see the layout today. The whole family was “good neighbors” to us for over ten years. I am thinking of Larry and Gary and family, and want them to know that each time I drive down Hall Street I look at the house I knew them all in. I will always remember their mom, Lola.*

*Sandy Thrasher Bennett*

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**sandra Bennett** - March 27, 2018 at 07:44 PM