



## Luella Newman

January 2, 1919 - February 28, 2014

### Luella Newman Obituary

God is good as he blessed Luella Olave Newman with a 95 year long life filled with great relationships and experiences. Born in the year 1919, Luella was one of nine children (surviving sisters include Shirley Underwood, Patsy Freitas, and Judy Weisinger; siblings Ruth Kuehling, Louis Olave, Jr., Dorothy DeRosa, Tiny Almeda, and Marion Jensen preceded her in death) born to Louis and Ida Olave in Hollister, CA. She graduated from UC Berkeley and moved to Visalia to teach P.E. at Visalia Union High School in the early 1940s. Luella would go on to teach at Mt. Whitney High School and later become a guidance counselor, retiring in 1980. Luella and her future husband, Richard, had their first date at Mooney Grove Park – that led to their marriage in 1944. Richard preceded her in death after 54 years of marriage. The Newmans were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Beverly, later in life. Beverly and her husband, Rodger Yoshida, would enrich the lives of the Newmans with the birth of their perfect granddaughter, Carly. Luella's longevity allowed her to be a special part of Carly's childhood and she took great joy in seeing her grow into a young adult. Luella's hobby of collecting antiques would turn into a second career. She loved to find hidden treasures and deals at garage sales, auctions and the Visalia Sales Yard – where she was a regular fixture on Sunday mornings. Beverly would like to express her deep gratitude to her mother's caregiver, Debby Mustin, whose dedicated care and concern allowed Luella to maintain the dignity and independence she exhibited throughout her

life. A thank you to the Cox and LeGras families, dear neighbors, who would watch out for Luella in her later years. In lieu of cards, flowers, and donations, Beverly would like you to use that time, energy, and money to brighten the day of a senior citizen. No services are planned.

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was hired at Mt. Whitney as the Counseling Secretary Luella was on maternity leave. When she came back the next year I got to know the lovely Mrs. Newman - Beverly, Roger and Carly you were so blessed to have a wonderful mother. I enjoyed working with her until her retirement. She had a great long life. Donna Graves

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**Donna Graves** - March 05, 2014 at 10:07 PM

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“ In the two years that I took care of Luella's front lawn, she became my favorite customer. If she wasn't on the front porch sitting on her chair, she was watching me through the window and waiving. Always with a big smile, her concern was always how I was doing. Well, I know how she is doing now---no more pain, no more sorrow. A life in eternity with her savior. Thanks Luella. You brightened my days!

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**Les Hildreth** - March 04, 2014 at 03:04 PM

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“ Luella was a wonderful person and such a pleasure to know. She touched her community with her kindness and her magnetic personality. I consider it an honor to have known her. The world was a better place because of her. Rest in peace, Luella Terry Ommen

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**Terry Ommen** - March 04, 2014 at 10:24 AM