



Marie Evelyn Kuchenbecker

January 24, 1919 - August 13, 2023

Marie E. Kuchenbecker 104, a lifetime resident of Visalia, passed away on August 13, 2023.

Marie was born on January 24, 1919 to William T. and Will Ida (Davidson) Runyon of Visalia. Her family lived on the old Togni Ranch on the Dinuba Highway prior to moving to Ivanhoe in 1930.

Marie attended Carrie Barnett, Webster and Ivanhoe Schools and graduated in 1936 from Visalia Union High School. She enrolled in Visalia Junior College prior to starting her business career.

In 1942, she met and married William T. Kuchenbecker. They were married on June 9, 1942. After Bill's stint in the service, they built their home on the corner of Tulare Avenue and Sowell Street in Visalia. They were blessed with two daughters, Kay Burks and Kristine Wassermann, both of Visalia. William passed away in 2004.

Marie was a member of First Christian Church and was a regular attender of Gateway Church formerly known as First Baptist Church in Visalia. She was also a church volunteer. Marie worked most of her adult life in the Visalia School system and retired in 1987 from College of the Sequoias.

Marie was a past member of Business & Professional Women's Club and Rebecca Lodge. She loved her sports and especially loved watching the San Francisco Giants baseball team.

In addition to her parents, Marie was predeceased by her husband of 62 years in 2004, her brothers Harry, Ormal and Clyde Runyon and two sisters Gladys

Belmont and Bernice Switzer. She is survived by her two daughters, Kay Burks and her husband Wayne and Kristine Wassermann, her grandchildren Kevin Burks and his wife Melissa and Kimberly Burks, her two great grandsons Aiden and Jaxon and her brothers Tom Runyon, Dwayne Runyon and Jerry Runyon and their families.

The family wishes to thank Prestige Assisted Living and Expressions, Visalia for all their loving care they gave her for the last sixteen years and McKinzie, Anna, Lettie, Nicole, Lydia and Pastor Maylor Amaya of Infinite Hearts Hospice for all their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Gateway Church Building Fund or their favorite donor.

Viewing will be held 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Monday, August 28th, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will follow at 10:00 AM.

The family invites you to the luncheon reception at Prestige Assisted Living at 3120 W. Caldwell Ave.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Funeral

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

AUG 28. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie Evelyn Kuchenbecker*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 24, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Marie Evelyn Kuchenbecker*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 24, 2023 at 12:48 PM

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“ *One of my fondest memories was the summer, I believe in the early 1950s, when I took the train, the SP San Joaquin Daylight, from Los Angeles to Visalia, by myself(!) to visit Aunt Marie, Uncle Bill and Kay (Kris was quite young, I think). Uncle Bill had to fetch me from the train stop at Goshen. Anyway, I think Marie, Kay and I played the card game, canasta, nearly non-stop during my entire visit of several weeks!! Back then, their older house on S. Sowell was nearly surrounded by vineyards!!*

Jim Keene - August 28, 2023 at 01:33 AM

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Jim Keene - August 26, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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Dana S. - August 20, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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Dana S. - August 20, 2023 at 04:17 PM

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Dana S. - August 20, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ Marie was the sweetest lady I've ever met . Kind hearted who loved chocolate . Heaven must be beautiful with you Marie . You will be missed at Prestige Assisted Living ❤️



Ariana - August 17, 2023 at 11:00 PM