



Martha Josephine Topper

June 2, 1923 - July 5, 2017

Martha Josephine Topper passed in peace from this life on Wednesday, July 5 in the Kaweah Delta District Hospital Step-Down ICU Unit after a brief illness and hospital stay. She celebrated her 94th birthday on June 2, 2017 in good health with loved ones at Salazar's Restaurant in Visalia. It was a joyful day for her. Her health began a slow decline thereafter with the onset of the summer heat. She was hospitalized on June 28. Martha was born in El Paso, Texas on June 2, 1923 and moved to California with her family in the early 1930's. Her mother and father, both of Mexican descent, spoke Spanish in the home and Martha was fluent in Spanish and lived her entire life embracing her Mexican culture. She was married to a California Highway Patrol Motor Sergeant and had two daughters. She was deeply loved by her family and anyone who met her. Martha was the Human Resource Manager for the Standard Register Company in Hanford, California for over two decades and by doing so broke the "Glass Ceiling" in Human Resource Management at this Fortune 500 Company. Upon retirement, she took up the leadership of the Tulare Friends of the Library. She was President for many years and brought this library program to life. She loved books, loved to write and her dearest passion was her garden. She was an active member of the Visalia Garden Club. She was loved by many in Visalia and Hanford and made wonderful friends who cherished her friendship. She loved to correspond with her friends and wrote daily putting pen and ink to paper with great joy. Martha was a teacher at heart and taught her children and those around her how to work

and make their way in this world. She was in good health, still enjoying life and cared for in her own home by her eldest daughter until admission to hospital. She will be so very deeply missed. For those who wish to do so, donations can be made in her name to the Tulare Friends of the Library. Condolences can be made by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

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“ *Martha was my dearest friend, Kathy's mother. I have such fond memories of being at their house when I was in high school. Many hours were spent there doing homework, and doing things that high school girls do. She was so welcoming and sweet to me, it was like being in my own house with my own mom. I know how truly loved she was by her family. Although I lost touch with her after those years, I will always cherish those sweet memories of her.* Pam Kerrin Smith

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“ *I had the pleasure of handling the health insurance for the Standard Register company back in the 80's and worked directly with Martha. She was a pleasure to work with and I have fond memories of working with her. She was a class act and represented the Standard Register Company well.*



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