



Mary Florence Bair

March 31, 1928 - September 11, 2014

Mary Florence Bair passed away at her home in Visalia on the evening of September 11, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer, her family by her side. She was 86.

Florence, the first of four daughters of Mary and Domenico Laterza, was born March 31, 1928 in West Frankfort, IL. She, along with her mother, father and sister Amanda lived there until 1930 when her family moved to Visalia.

After attending Highland, Carrie Barnett, and Webster grammar schools, and Sierra Vista Junior High, she attended Visalia Union High School where she graduated in 1946.

Early one evening while cruising Main Street she met a young man named James and soon they fell in love. They were married on September 27, 1947. It was the beginning of 60 years together.

During school Florence worked at the Hyde Theater in Visalia. She then worked at Montgomery Ward before being employed by Pacific Bell/AT&T where she worked for 26 years.

Florence was an enthusiastic member of the Kaweah Delta Hospital Guild, Catholic Daughters and the Adoration Society. She was also a lifelong member of St Mary's Catholic Church. She loved crocheting, sewing, cooking and spoiling her grandchildren!

She was preceded in death by her husband James in 2007.

Florence is survived by her three sisters: Amanda McGraw, Bernice Bartolucci, and Shirley Swearingen; her children Nancy Johnson, Susan

Kenworthy, David Bair, Mary Jane Orlopp, and Tom Bair; 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

A Rosary will be Prayed Friday, September 19th at 6:30pm at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel

The memorial mass will be held Saturday, September 20, 2014 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 10:00 am.

A private graveside service will be held at Visalia Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **19**. 6:30 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291
<http://tccov.org/st-marys/>

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Bair.



September 20, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ My fondest memory of Mrs. Bair was as my 4-H leader for sewing. It was where I first learned to sew. Many years later I got the opportunity to show her photos of my wedding gown that I made. She said, "surely you had other lessons"...when I replied, "No, you taught me well" she sweetly smiled. She was also one of my supervisors at the phone company...first Pacific Bell, then AT&T. She was always so kind. My heart is heavy for her entire family now, but we'll all meet again in heaven. Blessings of Peace!



Kathy Smith Horner - September 19, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ Mary Soliz purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Florence Bair.



Mary Soliz - September 19, 2014 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Tim and Cheryl Bass purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Florence Bair.*



Tim and Cheryl Bass - September 15, 2014 at 01:05 PM