



Ordonna Lois Link

April 13, 1942 - October 30, 2024

It is with the assurance of eternal life that Ordonna Link, age 82 of Visalia went home to be with the Lord on October 30, 2024. Although heartbroken, we know that we will be together again in heaven. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was a faithful follower of Christ and a committed member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ordonna was born in Los Angeles California on April 13, 1942, to Ora and Don Kelly. Many people would comment on the uniqueness of her first name and it was in fact a creative combination of her parents' first names. Her family moved to Visalia when Ordonna was in middle school and she attended Divisadero and then Mt. Whitney where she met her husband of 60 wonderful years, Tom Link. After graduating from Mt. Whitney Ordonna attended Oakland City College and then went on to attend San Jose State. She received a BA in Liberal Studies and also earned a teaching credential. A love of children and teaching was something that Ordonna had but took some time off to raise her two daughters. After her daughters moved on to Middle School she went back to teaching. She taught first grade at Royal Oaks Elementary for 17 years and she taught second grade at Hurley Elementary School for 18 years. She was a master teacher for many student teachers and was known for her creativity and focus on music and fine arts in the classroom. Ordonna loved to play the piano and played for her students, friends and family. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

She was an involved member of the First Presbyterian church serving as an elder, a deacon and was a member of the choir. She taught Sunday school and directed the children's choir. She was also involved in her community as a 50 year member of the PEO sisterhood. Ordonna was also a member of the Visalia Dance Club. She had the gift of hospitality and was gifted in the ability to create a festive atmosphere for any occasion. Her gift of hospitality was felt by many and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Traveling was something Ordonna really enjoyed, and she took many trips to places all over the world such as Europe, Asia, and the Holy Land. She loved traveling with her family and friends.

Ordonna is survived by her loving husband, Tom Link and her two daughters, Julie Link and Kelly Link and her brother Dan Kelly (Carol). The Link family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Terry Slinde and Nadine Kelly who helped to care for Ordonna as well as all the support given by Kaweah in Home Healthcare.

Services will be held on Saturday November 16th. A graveside service will be held at 9:30 at Visalia Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a reception at the 210. Donations can be made in memory of Ordonna Link to First Presbyterian Church Visalia or PEO Chapter HF.

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

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV 16. 9:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Funeral

NOV 16. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Visalia
215 N. Locust St.
Visalia, CA 93291

Reception

NOV 16. 12:30 PM (PT)

Cafe 210
210 W. Center Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ordonna Lois Link*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 14, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Ordonna Lois Link*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 07, 2024 at 06:34 PM

LB

“ *This was a lovely memorial to our dear friend, Ordonna. We remember the many trips we made with you and the many hours of laughter. We could not have had a better friend! We know we will see you again some day. Love from Leslie and Bart.*

Leslie and Bart - November 16, 2024 at 04:22 PM

KE

“ Ordonna and I met in my personal training studio 18 months ago. She was a joy to train and she always performed better if we sang or had music playing in the background. I often saw glimpses of a very spunky and fun personality. I wish Bandit and I could have met Ordonna sooner, though we know we have been blessed by the time we did share.

Karen Junell Ehlers - November 15, 2024 at 06:13 PM

DB

“ I first met Tom Link 57 years ago while waiting for our two oldest daughters to be born. My daughter was born on November 30th, Tom & Ordonna's daughter Kelly was born several hours later, on the 30th. I've been friends with Tom & Ordonna ever since, I will miss her' she was a wonderful Mother & Wife.

Dee Baughman - November 13, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Mrs Link was my second grade teacher in 2010-2011. I so enjoyed her class because of the emphasis that she placed on music. I remember her playing patriotic songs on the piano every morning and singing to us on our birthdays. She always made me feel special and I look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.

Chloe Lambert - November 08, 2024 at 05:05 PM

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“ Mobile Webcast of the Funeral Service on Saturday November 16th at 11am from the First Presbyterian Church in Visalia

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Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 07, 2024 at 06:36 PM