



## Oteka Joy Holt

April 29, 1935 - May 31, 2022

Oteka Joy Holt, born April 29, 1935 in Maysville, Oklahoma, passed away May 31, 2022 at the age of 87 in Visalia, CA. Oteka, simply known to many as "Tekka", was the middle daughter of Bertie Lee and Gladys Cain, and one of 6 children. The family moved to California when she was young, and called Farmersville home. Oteka worked in the agriculture industry for many years, retiring from LaBue Bros Packing in Lindsay where she had been a citrus grader for several years.

Oteka had a great love for all of her family, mom, dad, siblings, her two sons and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Gladys and Bertie "Snooks" Cain, three brothers R.B. Cain, Bertie Cain and John Cain. She is survived by her sister Madge Ezell of Tulare. She was followed in death by her sister Patsy Whitson of Farmersville two weeks later. Oteka is also survived by her two sons, Edward Holt of Visalia, Larry Holt of Deception Island, Washington, Grandson Adam Holt of Farmersville, Granddaughter Danielle Holt of Tulare, two Great-Grandsons, Adam Holt Jr of Bakersfield, Nathaniel Holt of Farmersville, two Great-Granddaughters, Katrina Kirkman of Visalia, and Brianna Holt of Woodlake, and one Great Great-Granddaughter, Penny Holt. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, but preceded in death by her niece Michelle Whitson of Farmersville. Oteka had many friends and co-workers from her years of work in Exeter and Lindsay. Oteka cherished her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Even as she was nearing the end of life and suffering with Alzheimer's, she would readily recognize her Great-Grandson Nathaniel and looked forward to seeing him. Oteka enjoyed cooking and at each family get together, her Macaroni salad was always requested. Oteka also enjoyed singing in her younger years, and often sang with the church choir. Even as she aged, if she heard a song she liked, she'd hum or sing along with it. Loretta Lynn was one of her favorites along with Merle Haggard and she had some good stories about being school mates with Merle's steel guitar player Norman Hamlett who was also a Farmersville boy.

Oteka was also a strong woman, who endured a severe back injury which required surgery when she was younger, but returned to work and continued working for many years until she had an industrial accident which severed her thumb. After having it re-attached, she later had to have a finger on the same hand amputated as a result of saving her thumb. This forced her into retirement, yet she learned to continue on and still make use of her hand the best she could. Oteka will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but rejoins family and friends who have gone on before. She will be back with her mother, father, and brothers, and joined by her sister so she won't be the only girl in her heavenly family.

Graveside services will be held 10:30 AM Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 at Exeter District Cemetery, 719 E. Marinette Ave., Exeter.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

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## Graveside

JUN **28**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Exeter District Cemetery  
719 E. Marinette Ave.  
Exeter, CA 93221