



## Reba Joy Blankenship

October 5, 1933 - December 7, 2024

Reba Joy Blankenship 91 of Visalia died Saturday December 7, 2024 peacefully due to age related illnesses. All funeral services will be held December 20th at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia. A viewing will be available for the public and family from 9-10am with the funeral service to immediately follow at 10am.

Reba's family includes her three children: son, William Sherman Jr. of Visalia, daughter, Rhonda K. Capella of Visalia, and son, Richard Darl Blankenship of Madera; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; sisters, Margie Denney of Wisconsin, Francis Hess of Oregon and brother Pete Head of Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years William Sherman Blankenship Sr. in March of 2024, her parents Darl and Annie Head; brothers Earl Head, Dean Head, D.H. Head, and sister Sophie Wentker.

Reba was born October 5th 1933, in Cromwell, Oklahoma. Her family migrated to California as did many families in hopes of opportunity. California answered their plea. The family settled in Tulare where her father literally and figuratively built their home. On arrival Reba attended Cherry Avenue Middle School and eventually graduated from Tulare Union High School. Reba married and moved to neighboring Visalia where she started her family. Being

the second born and first female of eight children Reba was known for setting family structure and being the driving force behind the scenes. While her husband William was known for the heavy lifting in the family Reba was always there organizing and shaping the events of their family life. The two of them simply made things happen. From their loved ranch to any organization they were part of Reba left her mark. She was kind and generous to a fault, but one needed a lot of luck in changing her mind. She held close honesty, integrity, kindness, and family. Reba was well loved by family and friends alike.

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).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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

## Funeral

DEC 20. 10:00 AM (PT)

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127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

DEC 20. 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 Reba Joy Blankenship* ”



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - December 18, 2024 at 12:35 PM