



Elma Townsend

May 5, 1924 - January 17, 2015

Elma Mae Townsend peacefully left this earth to reunite with her husband on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Elma was born on May 5, 1924 to the late Arthur and Cecelia Dodini. Raised in Dixon, California, she moved to Sacramento after high school where she met and married the love of her life, Robert Townsend. They raised two children and enjoyed golfing, camping and traveling with friends. After her children were grown, Elma took a job with the California Legislature, working as a secretary assisting the office of then Governor Ronald Reagan. She was very proud of that!

After her husband passed away, Elma moved to Wenatchee to be near family. She joined the Wenatchee Senior Center and enjoyed playing bridge and socializing with her friends. She also loved the annual trip to Reno with her daughter, which we took for many years until she was no longer able. Those were special times.

Those who knew Elma knew she had a huge heart, generous spirit, good sense of humor and was never afraid to speak her mind. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Elma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert and her sister, Evelyn Shoffner. She is survived by her son, Steven Townsend; daughter, Patricia Innes; son-in-law, Jack Innes; granddaughter, Staci Garcia; grandson, Andrew Innes and great granddaughter, Luv Garcia.

Many thanks to Misty BigBull of Tuscany Cottage. Not only did Misty and her staff give extraordinary care, Misty was also a great friend to our mother.

Elma will be laid to rest in Sacramento next to her husband. A family graveside service is planned. Donations in her memory can be made to the Women's Resource Center in Wenatchee, or to the charity of your choice.

Mom, you'll always be in our hearts, rest in peace.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.