



## Blanche Harmon Keilman

September 24, 1916 - March 11, 2016

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What a life. It began on September 24, 1916 in Panhandle, Texas daughter of Rollie Guy and Malvina Jane Harmon. By her high school years, her family move to Amarillo, where she graduated from Amarillo High School at the age of sixteen. She attended Amarillo Junior College, before her family moved to Clovis, New Mexico. She worked as a clerk at Clovis Army Air Field, where she met Myron Keilman, who was helping form the 392nd Bomb Group (H), which was equipped with B-24s. They were married on the June 26, 1943, just before Myron deployed with the 392nd to England. Myron flew twenty-five missions with the 392nd , took a leave in October 1944 to return Stateside, before returning to the 392nd and flew an additional eighteen missions before the war ended. After the war, Myron stayed in the Air Force. Then it was off to the races: There were assignments from Fort Walton Beach, Florida to Tokyo, Japan to Hickam Field, Hawaii to Rome, New York with stations in between. Myron would attain the rank of Colonel and they retired in Sacramento. Along the way, they had three children, Guy, Kathrine (who died soon after birth) and Geary. Myron and Blanche spent their retirement years rotating between their cabin on Holland Lake in the magnificent Swan Valley of Montana and Sacramento, with numerous journeys in between. Myron folded his wings on on February 13, 1998 and Blanche joined him March 11, 2016. What a team they were: Through fifty-five tumultuous years of marriage they made adjustments and gave Guy and Geary what so few children have nowadays: A whole family.

Blanche is survived by her two sons, Guy and Geary; her two daughters-in-law, Mary and Laurie, and her granddaughter Annie and her one remaining sibling Helen Gene Harmon of Clovis New Mexico, as well as numerous numerous nephews and nieces as well as grand nieces and grand nephews.

This is also a time of Gratitude. We would like to thank the Laura Sherwood and Iris Lopez and their caring and devoted staff at the Cedars Care Home in Calistoga, California. We would also like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Sisters of

Holy Assumption Monastery for their numerous visits with Blanche. Additionally, we appreciate Richard Hayman (RICHARDS) and Clive Richardson (CALISTOGA ROASTERY) for their courtesy and kindness that they showed Blanche.

There will be a Rosary prayed for Blanche at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 17th at the chapel of Claffey and Rota at 1975 Main Street, Napa. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 1:00 PM on March 18th at Calvary Cemetery, Sacramento. Donations maybe give to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calistoga, CA for the charity of one's choice. Memories or notes of Sympathy

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 17. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 224-5210  
services@claffeyandrota.com  
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

## Mass

MAR 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Calvary Cemetery  
7101 Verner Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95841

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Harmon Keilman*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Blanche Harmon Keilman*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MC

“ *Dear Guy and Gary,*

*We have a summer home in Seeley Lake area and receive The Pathfinder. I was sad to read your mother had passed away. I have great memories of your visit to the ranch one summer. Mom and dad always enjoyed their visits to your cabin at Holland Lake. In his later years, dad always misted up when he recalled your dad's time in the service. They had a great friendship. Kaja and I still have the ranch. We lease it to the neighbors and it is actively in operation of raising cattle and wheat. Just thinking of old times.*

*Mary Guttormson Cosgriffe and Dick Cosgriffe  
Kaja Guttormson*

**Mary Cosgriffe** - April 12, 2016 at 10:44 AM

GU

*Mary and Kaja, if you find this let me know at [guykeilman@gmail.com](mailto:guykeilman@gmail.com)*

**Guy** - May 13, 2016 at 08:14 PM

RS

“ *Visits from Blanche and Myron were always welcomed in the Deegan home. We all loved spending time with them on Holland Lake. I remember watching old home movies at the cabin. We even visited them in Sacramento once. She will be missed.*

*Rita Deegan Schladweiler, daughter of Ray and Marion*

**Rita Schladweiler** - March 28, 2016 at 11:49 AM

GU

*RITA, if you find this comment, please contact me at [guykeilman@gmail.com](mailto:guykeilman@gmail.com)*

**Guy** - May 13, 2016 at 08:16 PM

AD

“ So many great memories of Myron & Blanche. My Dad (Ray Deegan) and Myron were high school buddies in Hobson and life long friends. Blanche & my mom became friends as well.

So many great memories of summer vacations on Holland Lake and trips in old "Zeb". Myron would take us on long hikes and Blanche would have lunch and dinner when we returned home to the cabin. Many evenings playing cards and games & watching the "tv" of the fireplace crackle. They would come visit in the fall, your dad would go into the Snowy mountains hunting and your mom would stay with us for the week. She was a great lady. Some of my best memories are in that cabin on Holland lake. We considered them part of the family. Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.

*Ann Deegan*

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**Ann Deegan** - March 28, 2016 at 10:31 AM

GU

*Hello Ann, if you find this comment please let me know at [guykeilman@gmail.com](mailto:guykeilman@gmail.com)*

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**Guy** - May 13, 2016 at 08:17 PM