



Donnes Mae Harper

July 12, 1931 - September 14, 2018

Donnes Mae Harper passed away on September 14, 2018. Donnes was born to Wilbur and Lucy Martin on July 12, 1931 in Nebraska. The family moved to the Napa Valley in 1934 and eventually settled into a home on Silverado Trail. Donnes graduated from St. Helena High School in 1950 and married Russell Shimel in 1951. After Russell's death in 1959, Donnes remarried to Edgar Harper in 1963. Donnes was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and an exceptional seamstress. She fashioned clothing for herself and her family throughout her life. At one time she was active in Bethel Assembly of God Church serving as treasurer and donating her time and talent to sewing clothes for overseas missionaries. Donnes and Ed enjoyed traveling the country after retirement, especially the winters they spent at Shoshone in the Mojave Desert.

Donnes is survived by children Terry Harper (Nancy) of Napa; Judy Ross (John) of Spring Valley; Ruth Young (Jim) of Napa; Alyce Robertson (Dave) of Napa; Steven Shimel (Sherry) of Martinez and Patsy Potter (Brent) of Napa; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Donnes was predeceased by her parents; siblings John, Virginia, Phil, Les, Dick and Leroy; and husbands Russell and Ed. Interment will be at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Cancer Society in memory of Donnes Mae Harper.

Tribute Wall



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