



Bertha Bernice DeLong

September 15, 1928 - May 22, 2020

Bertha Bernice DeLong, 91, of Durham, California, passed away on May 22, 2020. Bertha was born on September 15, 1928 in Monument, Kansas to Fred and Marie Uhrich. She was the eldest daughter of a family of nine siblings.

Bertha met and married Glen Fremont DeLong in Oakley, Kansas in 1946. They had three children and moved to Durham, California in 1961 where they lived together until Glen's passing in 2001 and where Bertha continued to call home until her death.

Bertha is survived by her children, Linda Hilgeman and her husband Carl, Shirley Winslow and her husband Tom, and Les DeLong and his wife Patti, sisters Frances McIntyre, Elsie Keller, Helen Adair, and brothers Walter Uhrich and Carl Uhrich, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband Glen DeLong, parents Fred and Marie Uhrich, brothers George Uhrich and Ralph Uhrich, and sister Edna Rudell.

Bertha retired from JC Penny after 20 years working in both the Chico, California store and the store in Oakley, Kansas. In retirement she started her own businesses. She baked and decorated beautiful wedding cakes and began painting ceramics. She enjoyed selling ceramics at craft shows under the business name "Ceramics by Bertha." She loved cooking, baking, gardening, and needle-work. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings and celebrations in her beautiful backyard. She is one of the founding members of both the Durham Bunco group and the JC Penny Bunco group. She played every month for over 50 years and greatly enjoyed the longstanding friendships she made through the game.

Burial arrangements were handled by Brusie Funeral Home. Due to Bertha's wishes and restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, no formal service will be held.

Bertha will be buried with her husband, Glen, at Glen Oaks Memorial Park in Chico, California.

Cemetery

Glen Oaks Memorial Park

11115 Midway

Chico, CA,

Comments



“ The memory I just wrote disappeared?
Bertha was a lifelong friend who will be dearly missed. She WAS Bunco and all who knew her valued her friend ship
Thank you dear Janel, (My former student)for the lovely picture and words about your beloved grandmother , Bertha. You posted on Facebook.
I treasure the many beautiful ceramic pieces we have made by her talented hands. I'll miss the drop by visits and surprise desserts she always shared
My love and prayers to all her family.
You will be missed.
Love, your friend, PAULA McMichael

Paula McMichael - June 01, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Bertha was a wonderful women who enjoyed being with her family ,at her lovely home ,
for family celebrations. She could be seen playing with the little children, laughing and enjoying their impulsiveness. She generously attended to new guests making them feel so loved and a part of the family. It was apparent how loved and respected she was by her family as they asked her about recipes, plants, and crafts. Her grace, generosity.and hospitality warmed your heart. Within the next minute she had you laughing with joy.

She will be missed by all! We will carry her on in our hearts and she will influence all our lives! A remarkable WOMEN! Linda and Sean Adams

Linda and Sean Adams - May 27, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Bertha's passing. I worked with Bertha at JCP & played Bunco mostly as a substitute but had so much fun when they called on me to play!
Your Mom was always so kind and sweet, she always stopped by when she was in JCP to say Hi and ask how I was doing! My condolences to you at this difficult time!
She will deeply be missed!

Brenda Langen - May 27, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Thank you Brenda.

Linda Hilgeman - May 27, 2020 at 07:39 PM