



Donna Mae Metzger

June 22, 1931 - October 29, 2019

EULOGY

Donna Mae Metzger passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 29, 2019 at her home in Chico at the age of 88.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3 pm. Friday, November 8, 2019 at Bidwell Chapel, 341 W. 3rd St, Chico CA. 95928.

Donna was born in Colfax, Washington on June 22, 1931 to Ralph and Freada Humphrey. Her father was a migrant farmer in eastern Washington until he moved the family to Chico in 1943. In less than a year, her father died. Donna was 13 years old. She went to work as a waitress, walking to and from work each day. She and her disabled mother lived with Donna's grandfather until she was married.

Donna met her husband Richard Metzger when she and a friend were walking home. Richard and a friend offered the girls a ride. He was newly discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps. after service to his country in World War II. They were married on February 25, 1949 in Reno, Nevada. Soon after, Donna had a family that consisted of three young boys, which she balanced with many part-time jobs and hobbies including making draperies, childcare, administrative and telephone operator jobs. In 1965, they purchased a 44-acre orchard in the Capay district near Orland and became almond ranchers. After 15 years on the ranch, they retired to Eagle Lake where they built a home and also traveled in their RV, visiting all 50 States. They moved back to Chico in 2000. After her husband Richard died in 2011, Donna continued living in her home on St. Clair Drive in Chico. Her granddaughter Angela lived with and lovingly supported Donna in the final years of her life.

Donna had a passion for family unity. Hospitality was a consistent gift to others throughout her life. She expressed these values in her home and decades of genealogy research with publication of four books. She was strong, gracious, wise, kind, generous, and a woman

with a good heart. She was quick to see the needs of others and act to help. She shared her wisdom with others and always treated people with kindness and respect. As a young mother in a small three-bedroom, one-bathroom house (with a small trailer house in the backyard,) she cared for her grandfather and bedridden mother, along with her family of five. Donna invited Laura Lough, the daughter of her deceased best friend, to become part of the Metzger family during Laura's high school years. One of her keen observations was that "you never know the impact you have on peoples' lives through your actions." Donna knew the difference between doing what was right and what was easy, and she embraced what was right. The legacy of love she sowed in the hearts of others impacted, not only her own family, but also the countless people now loved by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Donna is survived by her three children Michael Metzger (Ginger), Steven Metzger (Susan) and Robert Metzger (Patti); grandchildren Matthew Vader (Julie), Faith Alerton (Nathan), Hannah Fedorko (Charlie), Grace Contreras (David), Timothy Metzger, Charity Metzger, Angela Metzger, Thaddeus Metzger (Amanda), Adelaide Metzger, Chelsea Metzger, Jake Metzger and Lexi Metzger; and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made in memory of Donna, to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Glen Oaks Memorial Park

11115 Midway

Chico, CA,

Events

NOV 8 **Chapel Memorial** 03:00PM

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Bidwell Chapel

341 West Third Street, Chico, CA, US, 95928

NOV 8 **Reception to follow**04:00PM

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Butte Bible Fellowship

2255 Pillsbury, Chico, CA, US

Comments



“ Shelly and I were saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. Your Mom and Dad were pillars of our community. Our family has been honored to call a small portion of the ranch you grew up on as" HOME." May God Bless.

Shelly and Steve Brown

Steven Brown - November 09, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Donna worked with me in the office of BBF about 8-10 years ago, was sharp and a real joy to work with. We shared many things, and at that time was working on the ancestry of her family. I have missed her, and her wit and know she is now with our Lord and Savior and with her friend Eleanor Hart. Bless you and your grief in missing her.

Ruth Morch - November 07, 2019 at 02:23 PM