



Ailene Marie Cross

May 14, 1936 - July 8, 2024

Ailene Marie Cross, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and pillar of her community, peacefully passed away on July 8, 2024, in Turlock, California, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 14, 1936, in Turlock, to parents Enoch and Marie Christoffersen.

Ailene graduated from Fresno State University and embarked on a career that reflected her dedication to both family and education. Initially involved in the family business, Valchris Turkeys, she later found her true calling in teaching. Ailene taught high school business classes in Idaho, Wyoming, and spent 30 impactful years at Turlock High School. Her commitment extended beyond the classroom through her involvement in the R.O.P. program, where she mentored and trained countless students in practical business skills.

A woman of deep faith, Ailene was an active and charter member of New Life Christian Center, where her faith played a central role in her life. She also served as President of the Miracle Board, a nonprofit organization founded by the Christofferson Family and partnered with Chi Alpha ministries with the goal of reaching college students for Christ.

Ailene is survived by her devoted daughters, Kirsten Alvord and husband Jack of Middleton, ID, and Tanya Porter and husband Darren of Turlock, CA; cherished grandchildren, Jack Alvord, Jared Alvord, Cheyenne Oliveira,

Jordan Porter, and Annemarie Porter; adored great-grandchildren, Titus, Reagan, Nixon, Knox, and Reese; and loving sister, Marlene Reed of Huntington Beach, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Cross, parents Enoch and Marie Christoffersen, siblings Lorene Larson and Enoch Lloyd Christoffersen.

A celebration of Ailene's life will be held at New Life Christian Center W. Tuolumne Rd, Turlock on Friday, July 26th, at 2:00 PM. Donations may be made to Central Valley Chi Alpha, continuing Ailene's legacy of faith and service. Donations can be sent to: NCN ATTN: Accounting 6051 S. Watt Ave. Sacramento, CA 95829 memo- Central Valley Chi Alpha #226021057.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM (PT)

New Life Christian Center
2918 West Tuolumne Rd
Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall



“ *Ailene was one of the nicest, kind and fun person I've met in my lifetime. I will never forget all the great times we spent together with our families (our girls) and husbands. The last time I saw her was when I moved to Germany which was years ago. My love to both her daughters. Marie Tate*

Marie Tate - August 03, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ailene Marie Cross.*



July 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM



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July 23, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ailene Marie Cross.*



July 21, 2024 at 12:29 AM