



Bernice Burch

December 12, 1933 - July 11, 2025

Bernice Lee Sumpter Burch, born December 12, 1933, in Salina, OK, was sent to her eternal home on July 11, 2025, in Turlock, CA, a daughter of the late Sam and Cleo Sumpter.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Burch; brother John Sumpter; sisters Betty Prickett and Dorothy Lake; grandson Ryan Scott Cantrell; son-in-law Jim Cantrell and granddaughter Whitney Burch Rowton.

Bernice attended Hilmar First Baptist Church and was happily retired after many years of working for Foster Farms. She enjoyed quilting and was a devoted grandmother. After the death of her husband, Sam Burch, she volunteered for Community Hospice Grief Support Groups and the Turlock Sunshine Club.

Bernice is survived by three sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald Burch (Connie), Larry Burch (Cookie), Mark Burch (Laurie); one daughter, Sandra Cantrell; one sister, Pat Mize; ten grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; six nieces and four nephews. She also leaves many other family and friends who will sadly miss her.

A viewing will be held on Monday, July 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m. at Hilmar Cemetery with a reception to follow at Hilmar First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to:
Community Hospice 1368 Spyres Modesto CA 95356
or online at give.hospiceheart.org.

Cemetery Details

North Hilmar Cemetery

8710 Tegner Road
Hilmar, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

JUL 22. 9:00 AM (PT)

North Hilmar Cemetery
8710 Tegner Road
Hilmar, CA

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Bernice was a dear friend. She always treated us like family and we will miss her very much. Lots of fun memories*

Randa Williams - July 18, 2025 at 06:44 PM

LB

“ *I love you like Jesus does Momma!*



Larry Burch - July 17, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TH

“ *Bernice was a sister in Christ and a dear family friend! A couple of great memories I have with her are: 1) Climbing Yosemite Falls
2) Going on a Mission trip to Guatemala! Bernice was always up for an adventure and she will be missed! Terry Holcomb*

Terry Holcomb - July 15, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LB

“ *Love ya Mom!*



Larry Burch - July 15, 2025 at 09:06 PM

CB

“ *Bernice was my sister-in-law and we shared so many good times. You will be missed, Bernice. Rest in peace.*

Connie Burch - July 15, 2025 at 08:23 PM

CS

“ *Bernicewas my Sister-in-law and my friend Will miss Herbst glad she's at peace*

Carole Sumpter - July 15, 2025 at 07:36 PM