



Betty Gwendolyn Calrk

January 22, 1927 - March 20, 2013

Betty Gwendolyn Clark Graham was born in Turlock, California in January of 1927 to Russell and Irene Triplett. Betty died at Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Hughson following a brief illness.

Betty was preceded in death by her long-time husband and love, Robert Elliot Clark (Bob), as well as her second husband, Welton Graham. She was also preceded in death by her older sisters, Evelyn Newburg and Marillyn Triplett and her younger brother, Andy Triplett. She is survived by her six children, Dana Clark (Karen), Thomas Clark (Janice), Nancy Owens (Thom), Dennis Clark (Carolyn), Raymond Clark (Marti), and Robert Clark Jr. (Cheryl). Betty is also survived by eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Betty met Bob during WWII while he was stationed at Crows Landing Naval Air Force Base. Bob was a rear turret gunner on a PB4Y2 Privateer with the heavy bomber group VPB-118: the Old Crows. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Victory Metal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and several Air Medals. After the war, Bob and Betty

were married in Reno, Nevada on July 27, 1946 and honeymooned in Lake Tahoe. They soon moved to Oregon where all of their children were born. Betty was a homemaker while Bob finished his degree in journalism before beginning work in the newspaper business.

Following Bob's passing in 1965, Betty moved back home to Turlock to be near her family and took a job in payroll for the Hume Cannery, which was subsequently bought out by Tri-Valley Growers. She worked at Tri-Valley alongside her mother, Irene, and sister, Marillyn for several years until her retirement.

Besides raising five boys and a girl on her own, Betty was a friend and confidant to many of her kids' friends. More than a few moved into the family home on Broadway or would just sit for hours with her, drinking tea and talking. She became "Ma Clark" to many. Betty was a budding artist, working mainly with pastels. She enjoyed beachcombing, gardening, antiquing and doted on her grandchildren. Betty was also an avid volleyball player. Betty was an extremely loving person who will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Road on Saturday, April 6th at 3:00 P.M. A family only grave site service will follow immediately after the service. Please leave your condolences at www.turlockmemorialpark.com. Remembrances may be left to the Turlock Historical Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Gwendolyn Calrk*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *To the family of Betty Clark*

My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of your pain and sorrow.

Betty will be missed by all of us that she touched our lives in so many ways.

Lois Trout - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty's kindness and helpfulness lives on in all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. What a beautiful person.*

Jim Sisco - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Clark Family:

I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother, Grandma, Great~Grandma. Words can't take the pain that all of you are feeling. Just know that she's a Angel in Heaven just like she was here on Earth, just isn't enough.

Mrs Clark was such a sweet, loving, caring lady. I remember the first time I meet your Mom, it was at Wakefield Jr. High, 1967 she was the Librarian. Those were 3 very fun years, as a student helping, in the library with Mrs. Clark. Always, had that sweet little smile, very quiet voice and telling Chris Hanson, she had a class coming in so he wouldn't be able to practice his dancing, singing, and had to turn off his boombox. Come on Bob and Raymond you remember Miss Ryburn's music talent shows, once a month.

Who would know that 4 years later, I would get the pleasure of working with Mrs. Clark again at Tri-Valley Growers Plant 6. She was so excited when I seen her that day, your coming to work here? She was still the same sweet, loving, caring Mrs. Clark from Wakefield Jr High. How proud she was of all her children. I knew Raymond and Bob from our school days. I think it was Dana that did some construction on my house. I could be wrong with the name, it's been years ago about 31, I believe. But it was one of the older Clark boys, I do know that.

I wish to thank all you for sharing your wonderful Mother with me, I have very fond and wonderful memories of Mrs. Betty Clark.

I'll keep all of you in my prayers, may your hearts be full of loving memories that you can share with each other, I pray that while sharing your memories you have a smile, laughter and not tears.

But, I know its hard not to have a few tears, I had few myself while I was writing this and sharing with you.

I'm very sorry that I couldn't be here on Saturday, to celebrate Mrs. Clark's life with all you but please know that all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gracie Manchester~Olesen

Gracie Manchester~Olesen - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM