



Betty L. Frodelius

November 10, 1926 - March 2, 2024

Betty L. Frodelius, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and auntie entered into heavenly rest on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the age of 97.

Betty was born on November 10, 1926 in Turlock, Stanislaus County, California to Charles and Alma Austin. In her early years, Betty lived on Foote Rd., Keyes, California with her parents where she was the youngest of six children. She attended, Keyes grammar school and graduated from Turlock High School in 1944. After high school, she attended Modesto Junior College and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). She worked as a scrub nurse in the operating room at Memorial Hospital South (Ceres, California) and Memorial Hospital North (Modesto, California) for 35 years.

On June 24, 1945 she married Richard V. Mollard. They lived in their new home, built by her father, on Faith Home Rd. in Ceres, California. They had two children, Janice and Brian. After Richard's death in June 1968, she married Chester Frodelius in 1969 until his passing in 1999. She lived in her home 73 years then moved to Turlock in 2018.

Betty and Chet loved to travel the United States and abroad. They had many vacations with life-long friends, creating many fond memories. Betty and Janice traveled to China together. Four of her grandsons looked forward to

their annual week stay in Santa Cruz with Grandma Betty and Grandpa Chet. She took her grandson Michael to Yellowstone National Park and grandson Matthew to British Columbia, Canada. She enjoyed the many Saturdays her grandson Paul took her for car rides and lunch. She enjoyed her visits from traveling Austin family, siblings, nieces and nephews who needed a bed and hot meal when passing through Turlock. Once a month Betty and Brian, along with Turlock friends fished for salmon out of Berkeley, California, boating under the Golden Gate Bridge. She was the only woman on board their fishing vessel.

Betty loved to cook and bake delicious food. She was well known for her pies, fruit cobbler, and German Chocolate Cake. Her German Chocolate Cake was given as birthday presents to doctors and nurses she worked with in the operating room. She also loved gardening and she possessed a 'green thumb' for growing beautiful flowers year-round. Orchids were among her favorites. She created beautiful needlepoint and sewing projects.

Betty was a member of the United Methodist Church in Turlock.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Alma Austin, siblings, Irene (Vinet) Baker, William (Viola) Austin, Robert (Isabell) Austin, Doris (Paul) McCombs, Mary Lee (Johnny) Johnson. Husbands, Richard V. Mollard and Chester Frodelius. Grandsons, Thomas C. Mollard and Jarrod Diaz.

Betty leaves behind her children, Janice Mollard and Brian (Shirley) Mollard. Her grandsons, Michael (Lesley) Mollard, Matthew (Darci) Mollard, and Paul Mollard. Her great-grandchildren, Fischer Mollard, Melissa (Beau) Squire, Zachary Mollard, Megan Mollard, and Reagan Mollard. A great-great grandson, Daniel Squire. Many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at

Turlock Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at Turlock Funeral Home in the small chapel.

Please consider making donations in Betty's memory to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Memorial Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Betty was my lifelong role model. Her willingness to try anything was an example for me because I was not an adventurous type. That attitude coupled with driving anywhere encouraged me to find new adventures, especially because my mother did not relish driving. Her confidence motivated me to drive our motorhome with family and friends on many adventures in the U.S. and Baja California, Mexico.

Betty was very caring and generous with her talents and resources and was there to help any person or group in need. She showed her empathy and concern for all, no matter what their issue.

Aunt Betty loved to share the world and its adventures with everyone and I was fortunate to join her, Janice, and my mother at Christmas to enjoy a girls' trip to San Francisco for shopping and the Ice Follies at Winterland. I was inspired to be an ice skater, but I got a Sonja Henne doll instead,

May Betty rest in peace as she joins the family and friends she has missed and longed to be with for so long. Her bright light will be missed in this dark world, but she will be remembered for all the good she stood for and her light will shine forever in our extended family.

Judy Souza - Neice

Judy Souza - March 22, 2024 at 02:50 PM

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“ Mrs. Frodelius was such a sweet lady. She and her entire family were wonderful neighbors. My family (Mom and a few siblings) still live on the farm next to theirs on Faith Home Rd. She definitely was an excellent baker! Living next door we, my seven siblings and I can attest to that! 😊 May she rest in peace. Our condolences to Brian/Sharon and the rest of the family. -Linda (Romero Soles & family



Linda Romero Soles - March 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM