



## Danette C. Tiernan

February 15, 1937 - April 18, 2024

Danette Claire ( Johnsen) Tiernan was born in Merced, California on February 15, 1937 to Ben and Gladys (Dimberg) Johnsen. Her early years were spent in Murphys, Le Grand, and Oroville where Ben worked the gold dredges in the area until the family—including brother Marvin and sister Jeannine—relocated to Turlock in 1949.

Danette met William (Bill) Tiernan at Lake Yosemite in Merced where he was working as a lifeguard—a sign of things to come as they would both spend summers teaching their grandchildren to swim many years later. They married on December 1, 1956 and soon welcomed their two children, Christofer and Julie.

After graduating from Turlock High School in 1954, Danette took her first job as an office secretary in downtown Turlock. She would continue to work as a secretary, eventually working for the City of Turlock until her retirement in 1990. Her administrative skills were also put to use as she volunteered throughout the community, serving as secretary for the Carnegie Foundation Board and volunteering with Skandi-Fest, Meals on Wheels, and Beulah Covenant Church where she was a member of Ruth Circle Group. Danette was an accomplished artist and valued member of the local art community. Above all, Danette loved the Lord, was a devoted wife, mother, and beloved Grand to her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Danette was reunited with her beloved Bill when she passed from this life into Heaven on Thursday, April 18th with her children by her side. Danette is preceded in death by her loving parents, brother Marvin and sister-in-law Elaine Johnsen, and her brother-in-law Barry Arndt. Danette is survived by her sister Jeannine Arndt, son Chris (Cyndi), daughter Julie (Curt Andre), grandchildren Kyle (Ashley), Meredith ( Josh Weimer), Morgan, and Austin (Katie), and five great-grandchildren (Delaney, Lane, Nixon, Oliver, and Bennett).

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 5:00-7:00pm with a celebration of life on Friday, May 3 at 10:00am at Turlock Memorial Park and Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Jessica's House (1225 W. Christolferson Parkway, Turlock 95382) or Covenant Care Hospice (125 N. Broadway, Suite 1A, Turlock 95380).

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Memorial Service

**MAY 3.** 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Love the Murphy's purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Danette C. Tiernan.



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**Love the Murphy's** - May 01, 2024 at 05:42 PM

RD

“ My condolences to the entire family. I worked with Danette at First Western Bank all those many years ago as a secretary. Later took care of her children on occasion and later enjoyed her art work. What a great lady!  
Robin (Koster) Dooley

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**Robin Dooley** - April 26, 2024 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ Our condolences to the whole family. I worked with her for years at the City. She was a hard worker and a real lady.

She was part of our retirement luncheon group “The Golden Girls”.

She will be missed by many.

Love and Hugs Jim and Carol McRoberts

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**Carol McRoberts** - April 23, 2024 at 11:58 PM

NF

*My condolences go out to the family of Danette.  
I met Danette my freshman year at THS. She truly was a special friend.  
Always was there to help with the Class of '54 reunion. Danette and Bill  
were such a great couple. Her brother Marv was one of our best  
employees ever. RIP Danette.*

*Love Norma Fernandes*

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**Norma Fernandes** - May 02, 2024 at 12:32 PM