



Deloris Edith Mirko

January 2, 1925 - February 15, 2020

Deloris Edith Mirko passed away on February 15, 2020. She was 95 years old. Born at home in Albert Lea, Minnesota to Emmanuel and Beatrice Petersen on January 2, 1925, she was always lively. She spent her childhood growing up in Albert Lea with her grandparents, parents, four sisters and two brothers. She was active in church and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She was baptized in Albert Lea as a young girl.

During her high school years, her parents and younger siblings moved out to California. Deloris and her oldest sister, Marcella, stayed with their grandmother until Marcella graduated from high school. Her Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lillian drove them both to California that summer to rejoin the family who had settled in Turlock. Deloris graduated from Turlock High School in 1943. The family was active in Calvary Baptist Church where she became a member.

During the war years, Deloris decided to become a nurse. She went to nurses training in Oakland. One night, on a double date with her girlfriend, she met Vincent Mirko, who was a Marine returning from the South Pacific. On December 31, 1948, they were married "at home" in Turlock. The church held a nice reception for them.

They began their first few years in Oakland and started a family. Michael was born in 1950 and Stephanie in 1952. The family was quickly growing out of their apartment, so they moved to Mission San Jose. David was born in 1954 and Helene in 1955. Deloris was always busy with 4 children born in 5 years.

She always came up with fun things to keep the children happy. Everyone in the neighborhood liked Dee or “Aunt Dee” as the neighborhood children called her. The family spent many holidays and weekends in Turlock with her sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

By then, Mission was part of the bigger city called Fremont. The family moved across town to a bigger house where they lived until “Mirko’s” retirement. By then, the children were off to college or getting married, so they downsized and moved back home to Turlock.

Deloris loved gardening, stitchery, playing Scrabble and cards. She spent her whole life humming and loved a group sing along. Most of all, she loved playing and coloring with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Deloris was preceded in death by her daughter, Stephanie; her loving husband, “Mirko;” and her son, Michael. Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her sisters, Shirley, Marcella and Eloise; her brother, Philip; and several nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her son, David and his wife, Geri Mirko; her daughter, Helene and her husband Dwight; her brother, Dan Petersen; sister, Clarice Pearson; grandchildren, Daniel Hubbell, Carrie Moynihan, Diane Young, Miles Mirko, Kristi Cokenes, Korinne Wiese, David Mirko II, Jonathan Mirko and Emily Mirko; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A reception will follow at Calvary Baptist Church, on the corner of Olive and Monte Vista Ave.

Memorial donations can be made to Calvary Baptist Church or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Reception

MAR 14. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Calvary Baptist Church
700 E. Monte Vista Ave.
Turlock, CA 95382

Tribute Wall



“ *Deloris Edith Mirko*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deloris Edith Mirko.*



March 13, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ *Aunt Dee was a light in my life. So many memories. The pinochle games where we played "sisters vs sisters". Mom & Aunt Dee, Irene & myself. The best one was when Irene & I each wore one of my long shell beaded earrings. Not to be outdone, mom wore her purple striped cat n the hat & Aunt Dee wore a very fancy hat of her own. Her humor, compassion & simple down to earth style always would light up my life. I love her, always will.*

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“ *Aunt Delores was a special lady. She welcomed everyone into their home. After our mom passed, aunt Dee was there with an open mind, heart & arms when my sister & I needed it. She could make us laugh with her wicked sense of humor. She loved to make you feel at home & and always had the scrabble board ready for a game. She loved life & her family. What great memories we have. Irene & Davel & family.*

Irene foster & Davel foote - March 13, 2020 at 10:36 PM