



Dorothy Christoffersen Rapp

August 21, 1918 - January 26, 2012

Dorothy (Christoffersen) Rapp passed away on January 26, 2012 in Turlock, Ca. Dorothy was born on August 21, 1918 in the family home on the 20 acre family farm on Christoffersen Road in what was then known as the Tegner District. Her family had settled there in 1913. Dorothy was the last of seven children born to Anders and Marie Christoffersen who were immigrants from Denmark. Her older sisters Ruth and Esther were born in Denmark. Her brother Enoch was born in Chicago where Anders worked for the Pullman railroad car company. Her sisters Edith and Martha and brother Holger were born in Minden, Nebraska where Anders farmed. Dorothy was first named Anna Margaret. Her sister Esther and Vivian Koehn, the Little girl Esther cared for, Journeyed by train from the bay area to Turlock to see her new sister. Little Vivian said why don't they name her Dorothy so she became Dorothy Anna Margaret Christoffersen.

Dorothy lived in Turlock her entire life. Dorothy attended Tegner Grammer School, Turlock High School, and Modesto Junior College. Dorothy married her husband Kenneth Rapp in 1938. Dorothy began working for her brother Enoch as a bookkeeper at what was then called Christoffersen Poultry Egg and Feed Market. She later worked in payroll as the company grew into Valchris, Inc. turkey processing. She ended her career with Foster Farms who acquired ownership of Valchris. Dorothy and Ken raised their family on their family farm where they originally brooded and raised turkeys, had a dairy, and

later grew alfalfa and almonds.

Both Dorothy and Ken are remembered for their strong faith in God and love for family. As a young girl Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Dorothy and Ken were active members of Bethel Temple (Harvest Christian Center) where Dorothy taught Sunday school classes for over 30 years. Her husband Ken also taught Sunday school class in the early years. Dorothy was later active in organizing senior activities at Northside Assembly of God. Both she and her husband Ken were life members of Gideons International.

Both she and her husband Ken were active in 4-H club where both were 4-H leaders. In 4-H Dorothy taught homemaking and sewing classes. There were many summers where the 4-H club had there summer camp in Yosemite Valley. Dorothy was a great organizer who planned several Rapp family reunions at Crane Park in Turlock. Dorothy was active in organizing and planning the Skandifest events in Turlock. She loved to entertain in her home and was known for large family gatherings on Christmas night where they would light the real candles on the Christmas tree in true Scandinavian tradition.

Dorothy is survived by her five children, Sharon Helm of Bellingham, Wa., Bonnevie Suzawith of Basalt, Co., Ken Rapp, Jr of Turlock, Ca., Ted Rapp of Reno, Nv., and Margaret Tosti of Turlock, Ca. Dorothy had eight grandchildren: Kristi Mayfield, Karl Rapp, Karina Rapp, Kurt Rapp, Patrick Rapp, Bobby Rapp (kia, 82nd Airborne, U.S.Army, Afganistan), Benjamin Quinn, and Luke Tosti. Dorothy had one great-grandchild: June Mayfield.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Christoffersen Rapp*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *R.I.P. Dear Dorothy, we have so many nice memories from Turlock. Thank you very much for giving us these memories.*

Ken, thanks for yor letter and the nice picture. We are all well. Dad turned 96 in December. He sent Xmas here with us outsider Stockholm. The boys are 17 and 14. Oscar, who you met, sent 4 weeks last summer studying English in Santa Barbara CA.

Please send me your email, I sant to sent you domen pictures. Lots of love, Christina

Christina Rapp Lundahl - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories with you was the trip we took on the train to Marine World with the kids, Kristie, Karl, Karina, Pat and Bobby. What a fun day that was! Thank you for all the family dinners and sharing your home with Noelle and I while we went to nursing school. I love to think of you now, free from your heavy and hurting body, free with Christ, Ken and Bobby. Give them all a hug for us. Love you.*

Jennifer Rapp - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Dorothy Rapp,

I offer my sincere condolences on the passing of Dorothy Rapp, a woman who contributed in so many meaningful ways to her family and community. I wish that you may all continue to feel her love and support through your grief.

Valerie Wells (Ina Louise Jensen Wells' daughter, Soren C. Jensen Sr.'s granddaughter) - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Darren & Kellie Manning - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts to the Family of Dorothy. Although we have not seen her in a number of years, we remember her as a woman of faith and kindness. May God Richly Bless.

Gerald and Louise Latham - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM