



Freda Lucas

July 10, 1927 - October 22, 2019

Freda “Mimi” Lucas passed away peacefully at her home on October 22, 2019. Throughout most of her 92 years of life, Freda enjoyed good health, however, it was within the past month that she lived so valiantly with the ravages of cancer.

Freda was born on July 10, 1927 in Modesto, CA to parents Albert and Hazel DeHart. Freda Helen DeHart had two sisters, Ruth and Beverly. She was raised in Modesto and graduated from Roosevelt Junior High and Modesto High School. One of her fondest memories during her childhood was riding the ferry with her father to deliver eggs in San Francisco in support of her family’s poultry business. It was at her home on Scenic Drive in Modesto where she met her life partner and love, Norman Lucas, at the young age of 16. She knew he was the one and rode her bicycle from her home to his dairy in Turlock with her girlfriend. This greatly impressed young Norman, only a year older than Freda.

Norman and Freda married in 1945 and after Norman’s military service, with \$4,000 to their names, they returned to Norman’s family dairy farm in Turlock to begin their farm life together. Freda worked on the dairy, relieved Norman in the milk barn, fed calves and cooked for work crews, all while taking care of their home and growing family. Freda was an active volunteer at her children’s schools, 4H Club Leader, and member of the YLI at her catholic church. Her contributions to the dairy industry and local Ag community earned Norman and Freda induction into the Ag Hall of Fame in 2016. Freda was a marvelous

cook. Her chocolate chip cookie squares were delicious, along with her pies and home cooked meals. Freda loved her time with her family and friends. With Norman at her side, and often family members and friends as well, she traveled to many countries, went on backpacking trips, played cards, golfed, fished and cheered on her San Francisco Giants. She traveled to almost every state in the U.S., a testament to her deep love of this country. Freda once stated that her most valued quality in others is honesty, one of her many qualities that she honored daily.

Freda was the true matriarch of her family and is lovingly survived by her husband of 74 years, Norman; her sons, Steve and Mike Lucas and Eileen Melson; daughters, Carolyn Hayes and her husband Darrell and Cindy Starkey and her husband David; along with her seven grandchildren and their spouses, eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous dear friends.

The Mountain View Community has lost a pillar of their community. A woman so gracious and loving, with never a harsh word for anyone, she was a valued role model for so many. The family thanks everyone for all the visits, cards, care packages and prayers and extends a special thanks to Freda's caregivers Celeste, Maria and Kobi – they are true angels. While she will be missed by all, she will be a welcome addition in heaven!

The family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to: Local Warriors Club (LWC) P.O. Box 801, Turlock, CA 95381 or to a charity of your choice.

A visitation with the family will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, October 28th, with the Recitation of the Rosary to follow at 6 p.m., at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29th at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 2602 S. Walnut Rd., Turlock.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Recitation of the Rosary

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA

Interment Following Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Freda Lucas*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Freda Lucas.*



October 28, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Norman, Steve, Mike, Cot and Cindy. I spent most of my childhood with your family and was happy to have picked Freda as my godmother. She was always kind and gracious and will be sadly missed. Lots of love to you all. Kathy Silveira Weeden.*

KATHY SILVEIRA WEEDEN - October 27, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ *Dear Lucas Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers from Wisconsin. She was a wonderful person, and grateful to have known Freda during our time as neighbors. God Bless and know that we are praying for you. Keep the memories close to your hearts. Ken & Kathy Elliott*

KATHY ELLIOTT - October 26, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ *Mrs Lucas was one of the most amazing ladies I have ever known!! If the world only had people like Mrs. Lucas it would be Heaven on Earth. My heart felt condolences to the Lucas family.* ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏
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We love Mrs Lucas, Danny & Franny Souza

Dan Souza - October 25, 2019 at 04:45 PM

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My thoughts and prayers to the entire Lucas Family. Growing up in the Mt. View Community knowing the Lucas' and attending school with Steve and Mike was always a fun time. Many times we got together for birthday parties that Freda planned. So many of the kids I grew up with have lost their parents including me. Norman & Freda were a big part of the Mt. View Community as were Lloyd & Betty Swanson, my parents. On behalf of the Swanson Family my sincere condolences to Norman and family.

When visiting Turlock and my friends and family it was always a special treat to see Norman and Freda at different events or at one of the local restaurants. They were always welcoming and happy to see all the friends of their children.

Freda, thank you for all the special things you did at Mt. View School and for the wonderful food you provided. Heaven has received a very special lady. 🙏💕

Roberta Swanson Hilligoss - October 25, 2019 at 06:54 PM

DR

To Steve, Mike and all the Lucas family our love and prayers are with you. Dennis & Bonnie

Dennis Ricardo - October 25, 2019 at 07:54 PM

DS

To the entire Lucas family we are very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏

Darryl Mello & Connie Smith - October 28, 2019 at 12:02 PM



To the Lucas family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of such a sweet lady. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of you. Love, Kirt, Antoinette & family

Antoinette Lamb - October 30, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Freda Lucas.*



October 25, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Freda Lucas.*



October 25, 2019 at 12:39 PM