



Lana Beth Graves

November 18, 1947 - August 16, 2021

On August 16, 2021, our sweet mother, Lana Beth Graves, surrounded by all five of her children and grandchildren, was called to Jesus. Our angel flew away at the age of 73.

Lana was born in Turlock, California on November 18, 1947. Raised in Delhi by her parents, Earl and Mina Schell, she was the youngest of 8 children. The Schell's were a farming family mainly, however Lana's father, Earl, owned a local gas station as well. They attended Delhi Church of Christ, where on July 15, 1963, she married Jerry Hamilton. Lana later divorced Jerry and married Jackie Graves on December 21, 1968, whom she has been married to for 53 years. Lana raised five children, Sheri, Gary, LeeAnn, Deena and Tammy Jo. As you can imagine, it was a lot of work raising five children but it brought her so much joy.

Also an ambitious woman, Lana attended Valley Commercial College where she took business courses and graduated. She got a job at Medic Alert, which she enjoyed thoroughly. Lana later went on to work for Covenant Living Retirement Center, where she loved using her creativity by making beautiful fruit and floral arrangements. Lana had a great passion for gardening and great love for flowers.

Most of all, Lana enjoyed being mother and a grandmother. She was always

there to help take care of her children's new born babies and enjoyed having all her family over. Lana created a wonderful family filled with love for each other by setting the example of always being kind and tender towards others. There will forever be a place in our hearts where our mom will be missed dearly.

Lana is survived by her husband, Jack Graves; her children, Sheri Yagi (Blaine), Gary Hamilton (Clarissa), LeeAnn Bettencourt (Richard), Deena Cuevas (George) and Tammy Weiglein (Kristian); her brother, Marvin Schell; and her 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. May we always remember her kindness, her laughter, and the love she extended towards others.

Lana was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Mina Schell, and her siblings, Imogene Graves, Rex Schell, Carl Schell, Ilaine Bradford, Jerry Schell and Mary Helen Schell.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A reception will follow at the home of Blaine and Sheri Yagi.

Our mom loved flowers, so any floral arrangements would be greatly appreciated. In memory of Lana Graves, memorial donations can also be made to Covenant Care Hospice, 125 N. Broadway, Suite 1A, Turlock, CA 95380.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
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Tribute Wall



“ Lana Beth Graves

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ Mom, may you now rest in peace, you married young and had me at 17, we basically grew up together,, With your kind and gentle spirit, you raised a large family and showed us how be compassionate to others. You gave us the example to pass on to our own families. May your legacy live on for generations to come. We love you and will miss you dearly, and our family gatherings will forever have a void. You are in no more pain and may you rest in God's loving arms and enjoy the beauty of heaven.
Love, Blaine and Sheri
Melissa, Garret, Madison and Mikayla



Sheri Yagi - August 20, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ Mom, my best friend. I've missed you for so long. These past five weeks I've enjoyed spending as much time as I could with you. You endured so much pain & held on extending your arm & loving us. I will forever miss you. Thank you for being my loving Mom. Enjoy the paradise your at with your family who've been waiting patiently for you with open arms. Until I see you again Mom. Our memories are in our hearts. George & Deena Cuevas and family.

Deena Cuevas - August 20, 2021 at 01:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.*



August 19, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.*



August 19, 2021 at 11:16 AM

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“ Grandma Lana, our MeeMaw, was the sunshine of all of our lives. Every great memory and moment with her in my life felt like just yesterday. Some of the earliest memories I can recall of my childhood involve countless incredible visits to MeeMaw’s. I can remember so many moments there so vividly. A lot of the happiest memories of my youth correlate directly with her. She amplified every momentous occasion with the sheer size of her heart and compassion for us all. One thing is for sure about Grandma Lana, she absolutely loved her family and we absolutely loved her back in spades. Without hesitation, we all would bend over backwards for her and did just that until her very last day. I truly wish more than anything in the world that Grandma knew just how much she was loved by us all. She had a larger than life personality that sparked joy wherever she went and taught us all to embrace who we really were. Grandma taught us to be ourselves through her eccentricities & lust for life. We are all better people for having known, and grown up with her. Grandma was never afraid to be who she really was and that inspired us to do the very same. Although she isn’t here with us anymore, Grandma will live forever through the love she instilled in all of our hearts. We loved her, we love her, we’ll love her until the end of time. Until we meet again, Nick Nick loves you and misses you already MeeMaw. Thank you for always believing in me as much as I always believed in you ❤️

Nicholas Jorden Cuevas - August 19, 2021 at 01:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.



August 19, 2021 at 01:13 AM

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“ Lana was a wonder lady and I enjoyed many days at her house visiting my best friend Deena. She always welcomed me and was like a second mom to me. I was at her house a lot. I remember her Cooking butter tortillas for us. They were so good. She always welcomed me at her home. My thought and prayers are with the whole family.

Tami Gelbrich - August 18, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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“ Janice, Ronda, Lisa and families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lana Beth Graves.



Janice, Ronda, Lisa and families - August 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.



August 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.



August 18, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.*



August 18, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lana Beth Graves.*



August 18, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *The Carl Bevan Schell Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lana Beth Graves.*



The Carl Bevan Schell Family - August 18, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Sweet momma, I know you are no longer in pain and at peace. The pain of you leaving is unbearable. I will miss your beautiful smile, caring grandmother, great mother that you were. You will forever be missed and in our hearts. Gone but never forgotten ❤️ Love you dearly mom, LeeAnn and family*



LeeAnn Graves Bettencourt - August 18, 2021 at 04:17 PM



Mom cant believe you are really no longer with us but we have so many memories we can keep replaying in our minds love you always and forever Kristian, tammy and girls

Tammy Weiglein - August 21, 2021 at 01:01 AM