



Loretta Schmidt

December 29, 1916 - February 23, 2009

Loretta Schmidt, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and longtime Turlock resident, died in Monterey on February 23, 2009. Loretta was born to Mike and Katie McSharry in Bradford, Illinois, on December 29, 1916. She graduated from Bradford High School and Brown's Business College, then worked as a secretary at Caterpillar Tractor Company headquarters in Peoria, Illinois, for over a decade.

On July 6, 1944, Loretta married Army Corporal Daniel Schmidt, a friend and classmate since the third grade. Dan and Loretta moved to California after World War II, settled in Turlock and started an accounting business. Loretta's excellent secretarial skills supported her husband in the new business. They were a great team. She and Dan were married 58 years; he predeceased her in 2002.

Family and friends were the most important thing to Loretta. We were many times blessed with her love and care, and with her delicious recipes for the fish and wild game Dan brought home. She was active in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a charter member of the Young Ladies' Institute. She was also a world traveler, visiting much of the U.S, Western Europe and Canada.

Loretta leaves behind two sons; Thomas Schmidt (Clara) of Burlingame and Michael Schmidt (Dana) of Turlock; a daughter, Sharry Lauter (Vince) of Monterey; a granddaughter, Daniella Kriner (Kevin); six grandsons; Vincent Lauter, Michael Lauter (Jody), Daniel Lauter, Ted Schmidt, Spencer Schmidt

and Dillon Schmidt; and two great-grandsons, Jack and Will Kriner.

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“ *Loretta Schmidt*

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