



## Marie Kennedy

March 21, 1931 - March 3, 2011

On March 3rd, 2011, Marie Kennedy, beloved wife, sister, cherished mother, grandmother and great-grandmother left this world peacefully with family surrounding her. Re-united in heaven with her parents, Wm. Arvil and Robbie Marie Pratt and her youngest sister Sue Pratt. Born in Yardell, Arkansas on March 21st, 1931, she was the eldest of 7 children and at 12 years of age moved to Anderson, Missouri where she graduated Anderson High School and was very involved in music as a baton twirler and majorette, a member of the singing quartet, cheerleader and school plays in the drama department. She also was a member of the church choir every Sunday. After graduating, Marie worked for the telephone company as an operator and at the same high school as a secretary. She later married and with her infant daughter, moved to California, and had 3 other children. She became a single parent, re-educated herself and began working for the Oakdale/Riverbank School districts that became her career for 30 years and was honored as secretary of one year, worked as registrar, secretary to the principal, and later to the counselors in the career center. Marie was involved in the events planned for the school and many other various areas she enjoyed to volunteer. She retired in 1996 and was still a current member of the CSEA. She was also a member of the Emblem Club. Marie re-married in 1970 to Jerrold (Bud) Kennedy, moved to Turlock, Ca, added 2 more step-sons to the family and now they have over 40 members and still counting. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last July. Her passions were her family, cooking, gardening, and

travel . She and Bud enjoyed taking their 5th wheel annually to Klamath, Ca. into Oregon and Arizona for extended vacations. Marie is survived by her loving husband, Jerrold (Bud) Kennedy, her brothers, JR Pratt (Janice), William (Bill) Pratt (Sandy), her sisters, Fern Cooper (Mark), Bertha Bush (James) and Glenna Lassiter who all live in Missouri. Her children, Vicki Lozano (Dan) of Modesto, Ca, Michael McCoy (Sheri) of Mesa, Arizona, Gale Sawyer (Ron) of Manteca, Ronald McCoy of Crows landing, Ca. and her stepsons, Jeffrey Kennedy (Debbie) of Modesto, Ca. and Brian Kennedy (Kathy) of Turlock, Ca. Marie also is survived by 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She will forever be loved and remembered for her smile she would give you no matter what her day would bring. Remembrances can be made in her honor to Community Hospice Foundation, 4368 Spyrer Way, Modesto, Ca. 95350. Visitation is on Thursday, March 10, 2011, 12pm -7pm at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 North Soderquist Rd. Turlock, Ca. 95381 and on Friday March 11, 2011, services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home at 11:00 am with immediate burial after the services at Turlock Memorial Park 575 N. Soderquist Rd.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Kennedy*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *The Olson family is sorry to hear of marie;s passing she was a very nice person, and our sympathies go out to Bud and the family.God Bless you all and may he comfort you in your loss*

**Dixie Olson** - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marie was my Aunt. I loved her. To her family, sorry for your loss.*

**Randy Lasater and Beth Esther** - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the news of Marie's passing. She was truly a wonderful person. My condolences to the entire Kennedy/McCoy family. Mom & Dad are in AZ and wish to extend thiers also. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

**Brenda Trawick/Highfill** - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Oh, my Marie, how much I loved you. Thank you for being my first employer and becoming a dear friend. You taught me so much about acceptance and kindness. You told me to never be embarrassed about being a secretary because "what would these people do if they didn't have you to keep things organized". I've been searching for another employer just like you. But I guess God made only one perfect boss: you. I love you, Marie, and I will miss you.

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**Melinda Sousa** - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Aunt Marie was such a beautiful lady with such a beautiful smile. We are going to miss her at the Boyer family picnics. Bud and family are in our prayers during this difficult time

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**Rob and Debi Boyer** - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Bud and Cousins, I'm so sorry for your loss. I always admired Marie for many reasons. She was strong, independent, fearless, yet kind, gentle and loving. She always had a beautiful smile to go along with her positive outlook on life. When she was around everyone was happy. Although the distance separated us from spending much time together, she always showed so much interest in what was going on in each of our lives. She will truly be missed!

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**Connie Curbow** - March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We send our love and sympathy to all the Kennedy family and relatives. Our prayers go out to all of you. With all the sadness it brings at this time just remember all the memories you have of Marie and all the joy she brought in your life. God Bless You.

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**Jim and Bertha (Bert) Bush** - March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM