



## Patricia Marilyn Cox

October 7, 1926 - May 6, 2016

Born in Long Beach, California to Jackson Owen Harlan and Lois Floy Hampton Harlan. Preceded in death by her parents, brother, Ronald Jackson Harlan, and her husband of 22 years, David Wilbur Cox. Pat graduated from Excelsior High School Class of 1944. Pat was a “Rosie the Riveter” for the McDonnell Aircraft plant after high school until moving to Fresno in 1945. She married James William Bell in 1946. They had a daughter (Peggy) then divorced in 1947. James moved to Ohio and Pat stayed in Fresno, working as a clerk at the College Pharmacy and Rhodes Liberty House. She was a long distance phone operator for the Pacific Bell Telephone Company for eight years. In 1968 pat married David Wilbur Cox. They lived in Fresno, Modesto, Fairfield, Redding, and four years in Fairbanks, Alaska while David worked on the Alaskan Pipeline. They returned to California because the death of her parents four months apart to the day in 1978. Pat and David worked for the Central California Blood Bank. He delivered blood and she worked in the office. Pat retired in 1994 after eight years. Pat was a third generation Californian living over 50 years in Fresno. She moved to Turlock in 2006 to be close to her daughter. Pat was a ten year member of the Turlock Quilt Guild and helped with the Friends of the Turlock Public Library book sales. Pat enjoyed knitting, working on crosswords and word find puzzles, and also going to the movies. Survived by daughter, Peggy (Bell) Rice and husband William Lloyd “Bill” Rice, two grandsons, Chad Lloyd Rice and Jaret William Rice, three great-grandchildren: Nolan Richard Rice, Allison Jay Rice, and

Rylie Ishana Rice, and her relative, Brad Beedle. Private services at Fresno Memorial Gardens. Remembrances may be made to the American Diabetes or Cancer Research.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Marilyn Cox*

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