



Raenell Muzio

November 6, 1937 - July 11, 2022

Raenell Muzio née Kirkes passed peacefully into eternal rest of multiple medical issues on July 11, 2022, surrounded by her daughter and three of her grandchildren. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, as well as a long-time respected member of the medical community of Turlock.

Raenell was the first child of Alma (Lawson) Kirkes and Dwight Kirkes. Her brother, Myron Kirkes, was born six years later. As a child, she grew up in Turlock and cities in the Bay Area (Hayward and Oakland, specifically). She developed an early love of animals, especially cocker spaniel dogs, of which she had a few as a child. She also developed an interest in becoming a nurse after seeing the care her brother received when he broke his arm. She attended the First Baptist Church of Turlock and was baptized there as a teenager. After graduating from Turlock High School in 1955, Raenell enrolled at Modesto Junior College, then transferred to Samuel Merritt School of Nursing in Oakland, now Samuel Merritt University, where she obtained her Registered Nurse degree.

After her marriage to David Muzio and the birth of their children, Sheryl and Steven, Raenell put her career on hold and created a loving home each time they moved back and forth across the U.S. as an Air Force family, from California to Mississippi, to Washington State, to Massachusetts, using her

nursing skills at various clinics. Returning to Turlock in the early 1970's, she was employed as an R.N. at Turlock Community Hospital, which later was incorporated into Emanuel Medical Center, where she continued to work until her retirement in 2005. She earned a reputation for top-quality care as she helped hundreds of local residents recover from surgeries or illnesses. While serving her community as a nurse, she worked alongside the finest medical professionals in the area and many of her colleagues became life-long friends. After retirement, Raenell served on the Board of Directors for the Turlock Historical Society and Museum, assisting in decisions to preserve the legacy of the town and its impact on the Valley and the State of California.

Raenell loved the spouses of her children: John Milhous, who Sheryl married in 1981, Melanie (Allman) Muzio, who Steve married a year later, and DeRon Carbajal, who Sheryl married in 2012, six years after John's passing. Once her grandchildren were born, she took on the role of Gramma Rae, or GamaRae, as her car license plate would state, to Daniel Milhous, Michael Milhous, Cole Muzio, Amanda (Milhous) Ramirez, Cody Muzio, Samuel Milhous and Abbey (Muzio) Yarborough. She often attended their events and enjoyed watching them grow, graduate, and get married and start their own families, giving her 15 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed reading with them, celebrating holidays with them and traveling with them; one of her favorite places to go with the family was Disneyland, and she frequently shared her passion for all things Disney with her loved ones.

She moved to Clovis in 2016 after major surgery so family could help manage her ongoing care. As her health declined, she was supported by those around her and included in as many family events as possible.

Raenell was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight Kirkes and Alma (Lawson/Kirkes) Husby; Alma's husband, Ernest Husby; and her son-in-law, John Milhous. She is greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her

children and grandchildren, who loved and appreciated her caring heart, her wit, and her wisdom.

Services for Raenell will be held at Turlock Funeral Home on Friday, August 5, with visitation at 9:00 a.m. Her son, Steven, will lead a service in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. Following the service, Raenell will be laid to rest at Turlock Memorial Park. The family will be going to a local restaurant for lunch after interment, and anyone who would like to join them to continue to share about Raenell's life is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your choice of the Turlock Historical Society or the Friends of Turlock Animal Shelter.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Interment following Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ *Raenell Muzio*

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raenell Muzio.*



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