



Viola M. Bankson

August 10, 1920 - February 10, 2011

Viola was born on August 10, 1920 to Emil and Mary Neiman of Herick, South Dakota. She was one of eleven children. Her father Emil, like so many lost his wealth and farm to the Great Depression. Viola headed west to seek employment in 1940 and settled in Vallejo, California where she worked at the Benicia Arsenal. There she met her husband of 64 years, Eldon Bankson who was also working at the arsenal after returning from World War II. They were married on May 21, 1946, in Carson City, Nevada. The couple moved to Modesto in 1948 and on to Turlock in 1961. Viola and Eldon owned and operated Bankson Hay Harvesting until they retired in 1987.

Viola enjoyed gardening and crafts. She and Eldon loved to travel in their motor home and went coast to coast three times. She loved spending time with her family, especially her five grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Viola is survived by her husband Eldon, Sons; Dewey Bankson (Pat), Ron Bankson (Marlene), Five grandchildren; Kristie Frank, Dewey Bankson, Amber Bankson, Nicole Hans and Jenny Brockman, six great grandchildren, Brother Harry Neiman, Sisters; Leona Rutherford, Mary Hansen, Della Jimenez and Maxine Neiman.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents, brothers; Ervin Neiman, Vernon Neiman, and Marvin Neiman, sisters; Opal Migliorisi and Irene Stahlecker. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 15th at Turlock Funeral Home 425 N. Soderquist Rd. Visitation will be at 10:00 am, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am. Burial to follow at Turlock Memorial Park 575 N.

Soderquist Rd.

A special thank you to the staff of the Memory Care Unit at Paramount Court in Turlock. We are grateful for your loving care the past year. Also, thank you to Community Hospice.

Memorial contributions can be made to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyers Way, Modesto, Ca 95356.

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola M. Bankson*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



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Kaytee Lively - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts are with the Bankson family and friends. I am sorry for your loss.*

Brenda Ecols - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM