



## Vivian Alice Manha

April 15, 1926 - March 22, 2010

Born in Turlock, Daughter of Matheus and Maria Manha, sister of Helen Miguel, aunt of Genevieve Miguel, all deceased. Survived by nephew Lionel Miguel and niece Tina Barr Gwinner both of Modesto; also four grandnephews, six great-grandnephews, and three great grandnieces, all of Las Vegas. She was a graduate of Turlock High School, Modesto Junior college, and Stanford University where she also earned a Masters degree. She taught mathematics and was Dean of Girls at Escalon High and Turlock High for ten years and at the U.S. Air Force Dependents High School in England for one year. In 1959 she joined the staff at Modesto Junior College as a counselor and as the first regular staff woman mathematics instructor. Subsequently she served as chairperson of counseling services and in January 1977 was the first woman to be appointed as Dean of Instruction. She headed curriculum development for eight years and was particularly proud that M.J.C. was one of the first two community colleges to articulate its courses statewide with the state colleges and the University of California Campuses. She was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Church. Her affiliations included serving Turlock Salvation Army over twenty years, the boards of AAUW, Turlock Auditorium, Delta Kappa Gamma, Tuesday Reading Club, Stanislaus Retired Teachers, Friends of the Turlock Library, and the John Pitman Scholarship Committee. She was also a member of IDES, Escalon Historical Society, Y.L.I., Turlock Historical Society, Turlock Senior Citizens, U.P.E.C., Turlock Pentecost Association, and U.P.P.E.C. Visitation

will take place at Turlock Funeral Home 425 N. Soderquist Rd. on Friday March 26, 2010, Noon-7PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church Saturday March 27, 2010, 9:30AM. Burial will follow at Turlock Memorial Park. Memorials may be mailed to the Turlock Salvation Army, PO Box 3576, Turlock, CA 95381.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vivian Alice Manha*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I became acquainted with Vivian through the Friends of the Turlock Library, particularly during our book sorting and yearly book sale. She was exceptionally helpful, always with her welcoming smile. We will miss her. Please accept my sympathy.*

**Peggy Smurr** - February 09, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ *I was unaware that Vivian Manha had died until today, almost a month later, when I came across her obituary while looking up details about the funeral of another person. I was sad to read of her passing. Suddenly many memories have been stirred in my mind. When I was probably about 19 years old with a young baby and receiving Aid for Dependent Children, I obtained on-the-job training through the CETA program and was lucky enough to land a position in the MJC Curriculum Dept. with Vivian Manha as my boss. I learned a lot from her, much of which I still use to this day. I know I am just one of many, many people whose young lives she had an impact on in one capacity or another over the years. I'm sorry I missed the opportunity to pay my respects at her services. Rest in peace, Ms. Manha.*

**Carolyn Humphrey** - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *New Miss Manha through my family and school. Grad THS & St Joseph College of Nsg. Grad MJC 1977 while working as RN. Cap, gown and regalia. When Miss Manha handed me my diploma she whispered, who would have thought you could do it. Words I still remember. She always encouraged me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Edwina Teves Rozario** - March 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *What a great roll model for how to enjoy life. Always a smile. Always a hands on person, at a committee meeting or Halloween Party for the Westside, she enjoyed herself and made everyone happier around her.*  
*The Salvation Army is a better place because of her work with it.*

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**Major Debi Shrum** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Vivian Manha was my math teacher at Escalon High School in the early 1950's. She was an exceptional teacher who challenged us to high aspirations. When it came time for me to consider college, she said: I think you should consider Stanford. I am sure you will be accepted." I had never seen the campus, but had faith in her recommendation. So I applied, was accepted, and saw the campus for the first time on the first day of classes in 1951. Four years later I graduated with a degree in economics, forever grateful for the advice given to me by Vivian.

Over the past decade or so, a few of my Escalon High classmates and I took Vivian to lunch several times. I know we all felt a great sense of appreciation for her friendship and interest in our lives. It was during these informal visits that I learned of the breadth of her interests and contributions to the various communities and organizations in which she served. I am sure that I am but one of thousands whose lives were inspired by such a great teacher. I will greatly miss her, but extend my sincere sympathies to her family.  
Jerry Barton Ripon, CA

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**Jerry Barton** - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ What a wonderful lady to know when I was at THS. She was kind in all aspects, but knew how to get you on the right track really quickly. She came to all of all of our class reunions until our last one in 2008, but sent her regrets. I am so proud of having her in my life when I was in high school Louisa Martin Allen Class of 1958

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**Louisa Allen** - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *To Vivian's extended Family,  
We were shocked to hear of the untimely passing of a long time  
friend who we have known forever. Vivian's family were good  
friends of my parents & grandparents. Vivian was Dean of Girls  
when I was at Turlock High. We just saw her when she attended our  
50th class reunion breakfast and she was as perky as ever.  
With our deepest Sympathy,  
God bless you Vivian and may you rest in peace.  
Lots of hugs, Mary and Ed*

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**Ed & Mary Sai** - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM