



## Dorothy Blankenship

June 29, 1941 - September 9, 2021

Dorothy was born to Claude and Willie Mae Blankenship on June 29, 1941 in Ashport, Lauderdale County in the great state of Tennessee, She loved Tennessee in her youth and more so in her adult years, She took many trips there for extended stays.

Dorothy was the oldest of six children. In 1957 after her Father was tragically killed in a car accident her Mother moved the Family to Arvin, California to be near Grandmother and Granddad Priest where she would attend and graduate from Arvin High School.

She met and married Troy Stokes and they would have two Daughters: Cindy and Kyra, Shortly after that they had an opportunity to relocate to San Jose, California where she would live and raise the girls. She went to College and worked for the School District for many years before hiring on at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority where she made many life long friends and would later retire from. At that point she bought a lovely motor home and traveled, occasionally traveling with Friends or Family. She loved that time of her life. When not traveling she would settle in Bakersfield to be near her Siblings and helped out whenever needed.

Dorothy was a good Nana & Dot Dot, She helped raise her Granddaughter Nicole and enjoyed her other Granddaughters Ashley and Tarra, She would

brag that they were an “All Girl Family” but that would soon change when she was blessed with great grandchildren that consist of two boys and four girls, She was very proud of them all and they brought her great joy.

Dorothy was a great cook and crocheted beautifully and created some of the prettiest dyed Easter eggs you would ever see. She was a big fan of the San Francisco 49ers and the San Francisco Giants. She had a giving heart and over the years helped many people. She loved her family unconditionally and they loved her.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Claude and Willie Mae Blankenship, Former Spouse Troy Stokes, Brothers Claudia (Cynthia) and Leslie Blankenship, Sister in Law Ann (Bill) Nelms, Brother in laws Gene Rayburn, Vern Stokes and Sister in Law Darlene Box, Daughter Cindy (Mike) Green and her Infant Grandson Michael Escarcega and Granddaughter Nicole Escarcega.

Dorothy is Survived by her Daughter Kyra Smith, Granddaughters Ashley (Triston), Tarra (Chris), Great Grandchildren: Jeremiah, Hunter, Luvlia, Riley, Taylor and Emma, Sisters Carolyn Rayburn and Cathy (Bob) Mahaffey, Sister in law Bobbie Howell, Many Nieces - Nephews, Great Nieces - Great Nephews and a host of dear friends.

Dorothy spent the past nine months living with her Daughter Kyra in Stockton where she was very comfortable and all her needs were met, She passed away on September 9, 2021 with Kyra by her side.

She was our Family Historian and Matriarch and has left us way too soon, She will be greatly missed and our memories of her will be safely tucked in our hearts.

She is in the care of Mission Mortuary with Graveside Services at South Kern Cemetery Arvin, CA. September 24,2021 12:30 pm - A lunch reception will follow at 2:30 pm at the American Legion Post 26 2020 H St. Bakersfield, CA.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Arvin Cemetery  
15543 S. Vineland ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

# Tribute Wall



“ *My Mom was the Best. I miss her so much. My Mom loved with all her heart everyone she met. Please pay it forward she did it all the time and I still do. Till I see you again. I love you. Hug Didi, Nikki and Daddy for me.*

*Kyra*



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**Kyra Smith (Daughter)** - October 06, 2021 at 02:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blankenship.*



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September 24, 2021 at 03:31 AM



“ *Your Braun Electric Company Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dorothy Blankenship.*



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**Your Braun Electric Company Family** - September 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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“ *With much love, Alex & Lynne Munoz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Blankenship.*



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**With much love, Alex & Lynne Munoz** - September 21, 2021 at  
02:36 PM