



Ida Geraldine Forrest

June 15, 1937 - January 15, 2023

Ida Geraldine Forrest, age 85, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 15, 2023. She was preceded in death by her true love, Hobert Forrest. Gerre was known her whole life for her unconditional love. Gerre was born in St. Louis, Missouri on 06-15-1937 to Ida Josephine and Virgil Pepers. After her father passed away her mother remarried Hubert Bates. The family immediately grew, and together they had 7 children. Gerre loved her big extended family, she cared for and adored her parents in their final years up and until their deaths.

Gerre loved to read and devoured novel after novel. She ALWAYS had a book at her side. She loved attending church when she was able and watched it from home when she was not. Gerre loved to cook and made every delicious holiday meal for over 40 years.

Gerre is survived by her children, daughters Susan Gardner and Sandi Mitchell, son Scott Wright (Kirsten), daughter Brenda Andrews, son Keith Forrest (Michelle), as well as 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren. She frequently spoke about the qualities of each cherished child and loved how everyone had such individual personalities. This part of her story matters so much because she lived her life for others. The family that she loved is her legacy. Her life will be remembered for precious family time and a beautiful welcoming home anyone could come to for love.

Celebration of Life following Gravesite Services at 12:00 pm January 27, 2023

Ridgeview Community Church

8420 Stine Road

Bakersfield, CA. 93313

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 27. 9:15 AM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (PT)

Ridgeview Community Church
8420 Stine Road
Bakersfield, CA 93303

Tribute Wall

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“ Gerre was the best sister-in-law anyone could ever have! Memories of her are so numerous, I couldn't begin to pick a favorite. She welcomed me into the family without hesitation. Gerre was so proud of her brother, Dale. They had a wonderful Brother Sister relationship...he loved her immensely , she was always there for him and me. I have no doubt she is gathering her heavenly family together to observe and enjoy the services tomorrow. I will miss Gerre a lot, a very caring and beautiful Lady.. Rest In Peace.

Carol Bates - January 26, 2023 at 08:51 AM

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“ My Aunt Gerre opened her home to my sister (Cari), brother (Butch) and me (Chris) on several occasions throughout our childhood and teenage years. With a kind and open heart, she didn't hesitate, and loved us like we were her own kids. We didn't misbehave too often, but when we did, she didn't raise her voice. She never had to, because she'd give us “the look.” One hand on the hip, one adjusting the glasses with head tilted down just a bit; this told us all we needed to know. We'd better knock it off! And we did! We had a great deal of respect for this lovely lady. She was funny, smart, had the patience of a saint, and a little mischievous side that I enjoyed immensely. I know she will be missed. My only regret is that I never took the opportunity to tell her how much I appreciated the safety and comfort of her home all those years ago. I know she and Uncle Hob have been happily reunited, and that is beautiful and gives me peace.

Christine Itura - January 25, 2023 at 08:35 PM

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Sandi Mitchell-daughter - January 26, 2023 at 09:51 PM

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“ My memories of Mom are many. But the memory of our last words spoken will always bring comfort. The nurse had left, moms pain was minimal. She just wanted to rest since she hadn't slept. So I got her all snuggled up. As I was leaving, she took my hand. Her hand was warm and soft. She pulled me close and said, "I just want you to know how very much I love you!" I kissed her hand and told her that I loved her even more. She left us 20 minutes later with a very peaceful look on her face. I felt her last heart beat.

Sandi Mitchell-daughter - January 25, 2023 at 02:58 PM