

Martha Evelyn Blunt

Obituary



Martha Evelyn Blunt (nee Cooke) was born in Vernon, Oklahoma, on June 19, 1936 to William Ellis and Willie Lee Cooke. Martha was one of nine children. The family later moved to Hinkley, California. Martha was very involved in school where she played the clarinet and marched in the school band. Martha graduated from Barstow High School. After finishing high school, she moved to the Los Angeles area where she attended Los

Angeles City College.

Later, Martha met and married Donald Blunt, and they raised three sons. Because of Donald's military career they relocated often and lived in Spain for several years.

Martha worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as part of the support team for the Air Traffic Controllers in Memphis, Tennessee. Later in life she moved back to California to be close to her family. She returned to the family ranch in Hinkley, California. After relocating to California she worked as a supply technician on the marine base in Barstow, California.

Martha enjoyed spending time with her four grandchildren; Jahanna, Jelani, James and Sophia. Almost every year she would spend time with her son, Keith and his family on Nags Head Beach in North Carolina.

Martha loved to knit. She enjoyed this hobby for over forty years. She taught knitting classes at Michael's Arts and Crafts store for several years. She was so proud when one of her designs appeared in a knitting magazine. She was always knitting for others; especially family members expecting newborns.

Martha had a very active life. She took bus trips with her sisters and she was involved in community projects. She liked to travel, knit and spend time with family and friends. She loved movies, especially Westerns, and had a mountain of videotapes. Martha was very fun loving and will be remembered for her outgoing personality and infectious laugh. Her energy and humor brought smiles to those she met. She was fiercely independent, loved life and lived it to the fullest.

On August 10, 2013, Martha passed away. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, James and Vernon; two sisters, Wilmer King and Ruby Ramsey. She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Eugene (Jan), Keith (Mary) and Ralph Blunt; four grandchildren, Jahanna, Jelani, James and Sophia; two sisters, Sara Cooke and Charlene Handy; two brothers, Donald and McHenry Cooke, and numerous friends and relatives.