

## Gloria Irene Noble (1923-2014)

### Obituary



Gloria Irene Noble was born on March 27, 1923 in Fresno, CA to the parents of Ramona and J. Thorpe Noble and died on August 3, 2014 in Camarillo at the age of 91.

Gloria grew up in Los Angeles and attended John C. Fremont High School, graduating with honors. After graduation Gloria worked at various jobs to save enough money to attend [UCLA](#). She attended UCLA from June 1942 to February 1944; when she left to join the W.A.V.E.S. While waiting to get into boot camp, she worked as a precision grinder in Torrance, as a "Rosie the Riveter". After boot camp in the Bronx, New York she was assigned to the Naval Training Radio School in Oxford Ohio where she learned telegraphy. After 19 weeks of Radio School, she was assigned to the 11th Naval District, San Diego and stationed at Pt. Loma. Gloria worked diligently during the war transmitting between Washington D.C., San Francisco and the ships in the Pacific. She remained in San Diego until after the war and received an Honorable discharge on May 4th, 1946.

After her discharge Gloria returned to UCLA and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in June, 1948. She took a Physical Education and counselor job for 2 years at Barstow High School while earning her Master's Degree and several credentials in Counseling and Administration at USC. Upon completion she became Assistant Principal for 12 years at Barstow High, before moving to Ventura. Gloria was Assistant Principal at Balboa Junior High for 21 years. She retired from Ventura Unified School District in June 1983.

After her retirement she continued to donate her time for the Ventura Unified School District, by doing research on the Learning Handicapped Programs and also working with the "at-risk" students at Ventura High. Gloria continued her counseling through Ventura Alternative Schools and Ventura Adult Education. She retired as a volunteer in 2000.

Gloria had a host of friends and always felt like her friends were special "pearls". She liked to cook and entertain at home. She always enjoyed dancing, golfing, walking and living near the ocean. She frequently visited the Rocky Mountains and enjoyed cross-country skiing in the winter and hiking the trails in the summer. She travelled abroad to Africa, Spain, London, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Bali, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico and The Canadian Atlantic Maritime Provinces and throughout the United States.

Gloria is preceded in death by her brother Bob, sister, Joyce and brother in-law Joe Gamba. She is survived by her brother, Ken Kesson his wife Judie, and many nieces and nephews. Gloria has always been known to many as "Aunty Glory".

Gloria's last few years were spent at Alma Via in Camarillo where the care givers treated her with special regard and kindness. A wonderful thank you to all the staff at Alma Via for the extraordinary care given to "Miss Noble".

Gloria wishes were to be cremated and have her ashes scattered at sea. A private Celebration of Life will be held for family and close friends. Arrangements will be provided by McDermott-Crockett, Santa Barbara, CA.