

Mina Sutcliffe

Mina Sutcliffe, a resident of Barstow for 88 years, passed away from complications of Parkinson's disease at Apple Valley Christian Care Center on July 17, 2004. She was 94 years old. Mina was born on November 8, 1909 in Westminster, Calif. She moved with her family to Barstow in 1916, where she attended local schools. She graduated from Barstow High School in 1928. During her sophomore and senior year at Barstow High School, she served as class president. Following her high school graduation, she attended business school to become a court reporter. In 1930 she married Wallace Ford and they relocated to Los Angeles. Following his death in 1936, Mina and her daughter Dorothy moved back to Barstow to be near family. In 1941 Mina married H.B. Sutcliffe. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1991. Mina was a member of the Barstow Women's Club since 1945 and held various offices in the organization. During her 1963-1964 presidential term she chose the theme "The Only Gift is a Portion of Thyself." This theme represents how she discharged all duties for the many organization in which she was involved. She was loyal, faithful and ready to help in cooperative efforts for the best interest of her church, her community, and the welfare of mankind at large. Mina was a founding member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and served as church organist for approximately 30 years. In the mid-1950s, she was elected to the Barstow Unified School District Board of Education and served on the board through the early 1960s. She also belonged to the Eastern Star for more than 50 years and was a member of the Daughter of the Nile. In addition, Mina was chairman of the Barstow Chapter of the San Bernardino County Blood Bank for 32 years and was also active in many charity events which benefited the Barstow area. Mina loved to share stories of early Barstow life with her family and friends. She especially loved telling about her youthful adventures of learning to drive on the dirt street which later became Barstow Road. Another favorite story Mina shared was about going swimming in the local pool located at the corner of Buena Vista and First Ave., where Aztec Apartments are now located. Mina also played the piano to accompany silent movies at a theater in Barstow. Mina is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Mrs. Lewis (Dorothy Ford) Krelovich of Barstow, and Mrs. Robert (Barbara Sutcliffe) Warden of Emlenton, Pa. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Mrs. Robin (Carleen Krelovich) Bryant

of Sioux Fall, S.D., Ms. Linda Krelovich Crist of Barstow, Fr. Michael Krelovich of Big Bear Lake, Mark (Sarah Mohler) Seaton of Emlenton, Pa, Captain Douglas Mohler of Fort Mead, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Lara Mohler of Savannah, Ga. Other survivors include five great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her "G.G." They are Maggie, Clarie, and Luke Bryant; and Ian and Lydia Seaton. A nephew, Walter Upton, 95, of Apple Valley also survives. A service in celebration of her life will be held Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 516 E. Williams St. in Barstow. The Reverend Lili Bush will officiate. Interment at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road, will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, 516 E. Williams St. in Barstow.

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