

Jo Ann Walker (1932-2007)

Jo Ann Walker, age 74, passed away on Feb. 11, 2007, following a courageous battle with cancer the last few years. Born in 1932 in Nebraska, where she lived until moving to Hinkley in 1946. She attended and graduated from Barstow High School in the Class of 1949. She married Wilbur Walker in 1953 and had their first son the following year. They moved to Ohio for approximately five years, during which time she had two more sons. They moved back to California and settled in Hinkley where they had a fourth son and a daughter. They resided in the Hinkley area the majority of her life where they raised their five children. After her husband retired, they moved to Escondido to relax in the area where she always talked about living. Her favorite pass time, besides cooking and knitting, was being with her family and close friends. She was a strong woman who worked hard at making sure everyone else was taken care of. She was so dear to many people especially her husband and immediate family. She gave herself to her family in many ways and gave them all a strong foundation to help them succeed in life. The tight family bond between all the children are due to the unforgettable love and care that they received from both Wilbur and herself over the years. A verse from Galatians describes Jo's life: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control" (5:22-23). Jo showed God's love in her daily life. To know her was to know God, as she was a true example of God's love here on earth. Jo is survived and dearly missed by her husband of 54 years, Wilbur Walker; her children, Greg, Mark, Brent, Brian and Connie, along with their loving families; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother; and four sisters. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Eternal Hills Mortuary, 1999 El Camino Real Oceanside Calif., 92054 in Oceanside. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Elizabeth Hospice of Escondido, 150 W. Crest Street, Escondido, Calif., 92025 (www.elizabethhospice.org/donate) or Southwest Cancer Care Medical Group at 701 E. Grand Avenue, Escondido, Calif., 92025 in remembrance of Jo Ann Walker. The family would like to thank the Elizabeth Hospice in Escondido for all their help and support over the last couple of months in making their last moments with their wife, mother,

grandmother, great-grandmother as comfortable as possible. She was the light in many lives and will be missed everyday by many people whose lives she touched over the years.

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