



Gloria Lee Schaefer

August 15, 1920 - November 17, 2010

Funeral services for Gloria Lee Schaefer will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010, at Marshall Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery where she will be buried next to Rusty.

Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Gloria Lee Schaefer was born August 15, 1920, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the oldest child of Oscar and Helen Sanders of San Diego. Her father was a submariner in both world wars, her brother, Gordon, a decorated pilot in World War II and Korea. Gloria passed away November 17, 2010, at La Mesa, California.

She fondly recalled that, as a teenager, she repeatedly walked past Ted Williams' house with a girlfriend who had a crush on him, hoping to catch a glimpse. An evening at the Mission Beach Ballroom with friends to watch a skinny Frank Sinatra perform was a favorite memory.

Gloria attended San Diego State College for two years and then met Oscar "Rusty" Schaefer from Alva, OK, who was assembling aircraft at Ryan Aeronautical. After meeting her, Rusty wrote his parents, "Gloria is the girl I met at (church) league? she is one in ten thousand as girls go here in San Diego.? Married in 1941, they moved to the Oklahoma Panhandle after the war, where Rusty worked on the family farm and received a master's degree in education, later becoming a high school principal.

Daughter Dianne arrived in 1942, sons Steve in 1945, Michael in 1949, and Allen in 1958.

In 1954, the family moved to Wellington, KS. Gloria studied at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS, received a teaching degree, and began a 22-year career as a primary school teacher.

Rusty died suddenly of a stroke in 1965. Left a widow at 44, Gloria became more active in her church, increasing her Sunday School responsibilities and joining the church choir. Insuring that all of her children would obtain a college degree, she led a non-extravagant life and helped fund their educations. She proudly watched them succeed in the fields of education, medicine and business.

Retiring in 1986, she returned to San Diego to live near Steve&s family, where she continued her busy service to the church.

Those who knew her appreciated her kindness, her interest in others and her calm, friendly nature. Her family is convinced that St. Peter will surely greet her at Heaven&s Gate with a, "Well done, Gloria!?"

Besides her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Rusty, and her brother Gordon.

She is survived by her four children Dianne (Ken), Steve (Lynn), Mike (Sue), and Allen (Weirong), ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Lee Schaefer*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Mike, I consider your mother one of the miracle friendships in my life. She was a real sweetheart and beautiful prayer partner. I have many fond memories of studying the Word with her and laughing about the little things in our lives. Your dad was my 6th grade teacher and never passed up an opportunity to compare me with my "perfect" sister. but your mother made me feel so special and was such a blessing to me. We will laugh together again, I know.*

Mary Lamkin Barker - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom&s passing. It is so hard to lose your Mother. Lou Rankin Halsch*

Lou Rankin Halsch - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I&m very sorry to hear about your mom.*

Gorden Everhart - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike & family My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Our mothers are so special, and our memories so precious. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

MaryAnn EdwardsHennig - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Mike & family, Sorry to hear of your mother&s death; later, I hope you have many memories in your heart that make you smile when you think of her. Tricia

Tricia Branson Darrah - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Mike and family, So sorry to hear of your Mom&s passing. It is never easy to let a parent go, but she had a long life and shared her knowledge with many students that carry on what she taught them. I hope every time your Mom&s name is mentioned it will bring a smile to your face and a special spark to your heart. There are angels among us! She will be missed by all that knew her. Blessings!

Brenda (Fenton) Wallace - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Mike and Family, So sorry for your loss. You all will be in my prayers.God Bless and give you comfort. Linda Davis Grainger

Linda davis Grainger - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for all of your family----I did not know your Mother--but, she undoubtly was an outstanding woman.

Jill Cole DeJarnett - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M&

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS DURING THIS UNHAPPY TIME. A CRUSADER CLASSMATE

MARILYN &KOEHLER&CLAUNCH - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Dear Mike and family,
I&m sorry to hear of your mother&s death. It&s wonderful she was able to make it to her 90th birthday. I know you must have many fond memories of her. I remember her from occasionally visiting at your home on North Blaine. If you happen to be coming to the Cape, it would be great to get together to discuss old times in Wellington.

Sincerely,
Hal Reed

Hal Reed - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Steve and family, We are so sorry to hear of your mother&s death. You are in our prayers. Sincerely, 1967 classmate Cathy (Deffenbaugh) McKinney and Duane Canyon, Tx.

Cathy (Deffenbaugh) McKinney - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mike...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of your Mother&s passing. She was, clearly, quite a lady and sure she left you and all the family members with some great memories that can never be taken from you.

Martin Frazier/67 Classmate - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mike &Family, I&m sorry for your Loss and offer my condolences to you and your family. I Moved back to Wellington from CA this Spring to take care of my Mother after suffering a stroke. She is recovering quite well but unable to drive and take care of things on here own. So here I am back in Kansas. Sincerly, Lloyd Martin

Lloyd Martin - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM