



Florence Manton

April 10, 1921 - March 25, 2014

Florence (Merchant) Manton was born April 10th, 1921 in Stockton, Ca. She was the second youngest among the 5 children in her family. She had 2 brothers & 2 sisters. She accepted Jesus as her Savior when she was 12 yrs old.

When Florence was in High School, she contracted Polio. Due to her illness she was not able to graduate. Polio left her with weakness in her leg, so much so, that she was told by doctors she would never walk without crutches. Determined to show doctors they were wrong, she left the crutches behind when her family moved from Illinois back to California. She pushed herself to use the weakened leg until she could walk without crutches and even without a limp. Later, she attended adult night school and got her diploma in 1958 at the age of 37.

When she was 20, Florence attended Bible School. She learned so much of the scriptures while there. Throughout her life, she always had a verse to share for every situation. The Bible School she attended is now known as Vanguard University.

Calvary Assembly Church in Inglewood, where Florence attended as a young lady, had a radio broadcast led by Bob Bowman that featured a women's quartet. She was one of the singers, and the group included her sister Edna,

as well as her two friends, Millie Snook and Carol Bicket.

In her early 20's, Florence had a job in customer service at Sears department store. One evening on her way home from work, she got off the bus at the corner gas station. Her ride home was not there to pick her up. She asked a handsome young man who worked at the station if she could use the telephone. He ended up giving her a ride home. She told her family, "I'm going to see him again." Of course, this was her future husband, Noel. They were married November 5th, 1946.

Soon after, they bought a house in Long Beach. This is where they raised their children: a son, Noel, Jr. and a daughter, Charisse. Florence was a stay-at home mom until her youngest went off to college.

During the years that followed, she worked for See's candy. Her sisters, Myrtle and Edna, worked there, too. The three of them were once featured in the See's newsletter as the "Three See's Sisters." One of the perks of her time working there was that she could always tell you what was inside each chocolate. The family could always ask her before selecting one from the box.

The family attended North Long Beach Brethren Church together. Florence taught the 3 year olds Sunday School class. As the years past, she also delighted in taking her grandchildren to Sunday School.

She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. One of her favorite pastimes was camping. She especially loved camping in Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite. Trout fishing was always the highlight of these trips. Her line was always the first one in the water and the last one out at the end of the day. She was often left saying "Just a few more minutes. I want to get that one." when it was time to go. In their retirement years, she and Noel spent their vacations traveling

the country in their RV.

When their son-in-law passed away suddenly in 1981, Noel and Florence stepped in to help their daughter Charisse. Florence became a stay-at-home grandma, caring for her granddaughter Chrystal.

We lost Florence slowly over the past 20 yrs to Alzheimer's disease. Even when she reached the point where she couldn't remember us, she always remembered her Lord. Even when she could no longer carry on a conversation, she could sing the words in harmony to hymns that were played for her. She told her caregivers about the Lord and taught one the song, "Jesus Loves Me."

She is survived by her husband, Noel Sr., son, Noel Jr., daughter, Charisse, 3 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

The Lord took her home March 25th, 2014. She is now in the loving arms of her Savior, rejoicing with the Saints, reunited with loved ones, and singing in the heavenly choir. We rejoice with her.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Samaritan's purse <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/donate-online/>

Previous Events

Funeral and Celebration of Life

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (PT)

Calvary Baptist Church
8281 Garfield Ave
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Tribute Wall



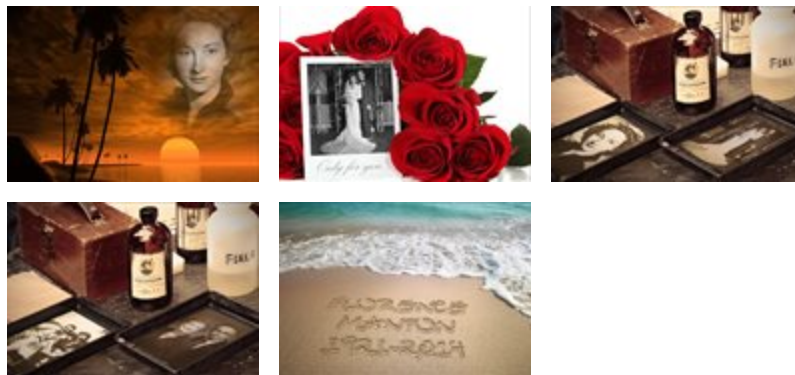
“ *Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Florence Manton*



Reflecting on Memories - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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