



Berniece Elizabeth Rhoda

November 11, 1919 - June 30, 2020

Berniece Elizabeth (Flitter) Rhoda, 100, of San Bernardino passed away on Tuesday June 30, 2020 at her residence in San Bernardino, California.

Berniece was born at home on her parent's farm on November 11, 1919, in Wanatah, Indiana, the daughter of Leo and Dora (Mohlke) Flitter.

Berniece was a loving sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her sister Doris (Flitter) Friday of Chesterton, Indiana, son Richard and wife

Shirley of Hacienda Heights, California, grandson Bryan Vandegrift and great-grandson Dominic

of Menifee, California and great-granddaughter Addison of Rancho Cucamonga, California,

grandson Jeffrey Vandegrift and wife Lisa and great-granddaughters Kelsey and Breanna of

Apple Valley, California, and grandson Paul Rhoda and fiancé Summer and great-grandchildren

Aubree and Andreus of Whittier, California.

Berniece is preceded in death by her husband Guy Rhoda, her daughter Diane (Rhoda)(Vandegrift) Isaacs and daughter-in-law Susan (Hoover) Rhoda.

Berniece lived a full and active life and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She graduated with honors from Chesterton High School in 1937. After high school she was a live-in

housekeeper for a family of nine and eventually got a job as a seamstress. Berniece was married to Guy Rhoda on September 30, 1939 for 52 years and had a son Richard and daughter

Diane. In 1954, Berniece and her family moved to San Bernardino, California. Berniece immediately found a job as a specialty seamstress and went to night school at Valley College

and UC Riverside. She then found employment at the Credit Office with JC Penney. In 1957, Berniece was hired by the State of California EDD. In 1980 Berniece received the Sustained Accomplishment Award, which was quite an honor. During her last 12 years of employment, she was a supervisor. In 1981 Berniece retired from EDD, then she and her husband traveled extensively for many years. Her husband Guy died in 1992. Berniece stayed active and became a member of the auxiliary "Pink Ladies" at St Bernardine's Hospital, where she volunteered at the front desk and ICU. Berniece was also a member of The Red Hat Society. She also loved to go line dancing every week at the Senior Citizens Centers and go to the movies and plays with her friends.

Visitations will be held at Bobbitt Memorial Chapel 1299 E Highland Ave, San Bernardino, on Thursday July 16 and Friday July 17, 2020, both days between 4:00 and 7:00 PM. A private funeral service will be held graveside at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday July 18, 2020 at Mt View Cemetery of San Bernardino, California. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Bobbitt Memorial Chapel in San Bernardino, California. The family of Berniece Rhoda wishes to thank Bobbitt Memorial Chapel and Mt View Cemetery.

Cemetery

Mt View Cemetery

570 E. Highland Ave
San Bernardino, CA,
92404

Events

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Comments



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Barry McCarroll - July 17, 2020 at 04:17 PM



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Barry McCarroll - July 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ My Aunt Berniece was a gift to so many, as evidenced by the outpouring of tributes and love at her 100th birthday celebration last November. She was a loving mother to Dick and Diane and a surrogate mother to John, David and me. I will always remember her as the loving matriarch to our West Coast family for the past 30 years, and she sure kept us on our toes!

Her positive attributes were virtually endless:

Loving

Kind

Supportive

Thoughtful

Organized

Smart

Hard-Working

Independent

Loyal

Strong-Willed

Humorous

She had an uncanny memory that served her to the very end.

I love her dearly and will forever miss our frequent phone conversations, with the last being 3 days before she passed.

Denny Drowty

Nephew

Denny Drowty - July 16, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ So sorry to read about her passing. I worked with her at EDD in the 70s. She was a sweet lady.

Sherril Sides - July 15, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ I met Bernice over 7 years ago. My husband, Tom had passed away and living in Running Springs I needed to do more than going to the movies in San Bernardino & Musicals and concerts all over. Always by myself. I saw a advertisement in the newspaper for Linedancing. I was in the beginners class and after we finished, the advanced class would start. Bernice took me by the hand & said “stay you can do this” follow me. And that’s how we became friends. I loved her & told her every time I saw or spoke with her. I called her my other Mother. Her 100th birthday party was so spectacular, just like her. I’m going to miss her smile & that twinkle in her eyes. When I dance her favorite Linedance I’m gonna dance it with all the flare & moves just like her! Sincerely, Susan Ryan

susan ryan - July 14, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ I will so miss Berniece. She came on my Docent tour at the Mission Inn in about 2011 and we became friends. Sending cards and calling me to make sure I was okay. I especially looked forward to her Christmas letters. She was an inspiration, adding joy and smiles wherever she went. Love and prayers to her family.

Diane Jackson
Mission Inn Museum friend

Diane Jackson - July 14, 2020 at 09:14 PM