



Dorothy C. Chisholm

September 17, 1929 - February 2, 2016

Dorothy C. Chisholm was born in Hydro, Oklahoma on September 17, 1929. She passed away quietly on February 2, 2016 at the age of 86 at home with her family by her side.

Dorothy lived in Firebaugh, California for 61 years where she raised her family. She attended school in Dos Palos, California. She met Ross Chisholm, the love of her life, and they celebrated 55 years of marriage. She was employed by the Firebaugh School District as a cafeteria cook in the 1960's. She retired as an Office Supervisor with the Fresno County Housing Authority in Firebaugh in 1981.

In her early years, Dorothy and Ross were avid square dancers with the Firebaugh Square Dancing Club. In their retirement years they traveled 49 states in their Motor Home with family and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ross M. Chisholm; her son Gary M. Chisholm; parents Veldie and Lillie Garrett; brothers Jim and Dean Garrett all from Dos Palos.

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Wakefield and her husband David of Cantua Creek (Hanford); sister Faye Schaefer of Los Banos; grandchildren Justin Wakefield and his wife Melisa of Hanford, Leanne Wakefield of Hanford

, Julie Hulse and her husband Tim of Clovis; also eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held at the Whitehurst Funeral Chapel, 2350 Blossom Street in Dos Palos on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Inurnment will be at the Chowchilla Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 455 Market Street, Suite 1190, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy C. Chisholm

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ Dorothy was a second mom to me. She taught us a lot about life. Taught us how to knit, sewed clothes (sharon & I wanted to dress alike so our moms made several outfits that we couldn't afford to buy. I remember her ironing every Saturday while she listened to country music on the radio. (She had a soda bottle with a gadget in the mouth of it and sprinkled the clothes with it As she ironed.) Dorothy made pizza and brought it over to our family- before there were pizza parlors everywhere. She brought over her cinnamon rolls also. She was a great cook but more importantly, a great wife, mother and friend. She took the time to make conversation with us and give good unsolicited advice because she cared. Dorothy knew what was going on with us kids & who our friends were. She pierced my ears with an ice cube for numbing and a needle. I loved her and Ross and always held them both up to a high level of respect. Never forgotten.

Deborah Jones Bettencourt - April 24, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Sharon Wakefield lit a candle in memory of Dorothy C. Chisholm



Sharon Wakefield - February 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM

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*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Sharon Wakefield - February 26, 2016 at 04:42 PM



Mom shared a memory when I told her of Aunt Dorothy's passing. Dorothy was not just a wonderful sister-in-law, but a "dear" childhood friend, as well. They went to school together in Dos Palos and had most of the same classes. They looked forward to recess when they would participate in the "High jump" and she said they were quite good at that! They also played "Jump rope", (the game where one is in the middle and you sing the silly songs).

We were both deeply saddened by Aunt Dorothy's passing. I have many happy memories visiting Uncle Ross and Aunt Dorothy. Aunt Dorothy was a wonderful Cook. One of my favorite childhood memories was Uncle Ross singing "Here she comes, Miss America when I was a little girl. I enjoyed playing with your dog skeeter, too. Ps I have a cute little pup with a mild underbite. Makes me think of skeeter.

Sorry I didn't here of her passing until a month later. Had I known, I would have brought mom. Karen Young

Karen Young - March 28, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ I miss her already! When I would visit her we would always talk about people of the past. If they lived in Dos Palos, or Firebaugh from the 40s to the 60s she would know everything about them. It was amazing to me how well her memory worked even at an advanced age.

I love you Aunt Dorothy, and your whole family!

Clarence L Chambers - February 11, 2016 at 09:04 PM