



## Jeanne Kathryn Shannon

September 30, 1923 - March 3, 2018

Jeanne was born to Irl and Addie Laux on September 30, 1923, in West Ridge, Arkansas. She passed away in Fresno on March 3, 2018 at the age of 94 with her children by her side.

She had a younger sister, Ruth, a younger brother, Billy Wayne, and a cousin Larry Little. When the children were very young, the family moved to Neosho, Missouri, where Jeanne attended school. She graduated from Neosho High School in 1941. She played the clarinet in the high school band, and had a lifelong love of music.

It was in Neosho that Jeanne fell in love with a young man named Richard Olmstead, and they married when Jeanne was eighteen. They were married less than a year when they were in an automobile accident. Richard did not survive the accident.

Due to the Great Depression, in 1941 Jeanne's parents and siblings moved to Fresno, California, to find work. At the age of nineteen, Jeanne joined her family in Fresno. When World War II began, Jeanne worked for the War effort at Hammer Field airfield as a telegrapher, and as a shift supervisor in the drill press and fabrication department to repair damaged war planes.

During this time, Jeanne met Laurel Shannon, who was in the U.S. Navy.

They married on April 12, 1944. They were married 62 years until his death in 2006. They had four children; Diane, Stephen, Bonner, and Rebecca.

Jeanne was a wonderful mother and homemaker. She loved nothing more than being with her family, and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was always involved in all of her children's activities including cub scouts, boy scouts, brownies, girl scouts, dance classes, majorette events and was a team mother at her son's sporting events. She also attended her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting and school events with great pride.

Jeanne was a member of the La Tienda Guild of Valley Children's Hospital for over 25 years. She loved volunteering weekly at the La Tienda Guild Thrift Shop.

Jeanne will be remembered for her love of all children and her love of family. She loved music, dancing, gardening, playing Bingo, poker games, spending time in the mountains and at the coast with family and life-long friends, and she loved to eat a lot of everything. She will be remembered for her beautiful eyes that could look right into your soul, her soft and frequent little chuckle, her positive outlook, her spirituality and her connection with angels.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her husband Laurel Shannon; sister Ruth Dreith; brother Billy Wayne Laux.

She is survived by her children; Diane Brady, Stephen Shannon and his wife Mary Hill, Bonner Shannon and his wife Peggy and Rebecca Shannon; grandchildren Rick Shannon and his wife Tara, Brad Shannon, Tom Shannon and his wife Tracy, Elizabeth and Andrew Hill; great-grandchildren Ricky and Aiden Shannon and Katelyn and Cole Shannon.

The family wishes to give heartfelt thanks to Pamela Blanchard, Maribel Borrueal and Ilene Rodriguez of Optimal Hospice for their kind, loving and unwavering care and support. We wish to also thank Brad Hamilton and mother's caregivers Rosie Garcia, Jessica Penner and Miranda Payne for their gentle and loving care.

A Memorial Service will be held at Chapel of the Light on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the La Tienda Guild of Valley Children's Hospital or Optimal Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light  
1620 W. Belmont Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(559) 233-6254  
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanne Kathryn Shannon*

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September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *We were Mid - Century Families excited, living in the new Spalding Wathen housing development called Headliner Homes. Fresno was growing East, our families represented this growth and with it came great neighbor hood schools in what was called a simpler time. As children in our neighborhood, common to us as The 7th Street block, found exploration in each others home culture and way of life. In this tapestry of 24 homes a strong but colorful thread linked us all together, woven by " The Greatest Generation " our pillars of knowledge, discipline and faith. For that I will always remember a wonderful time growing up with Jean Shannon as one those pillars a dear friend to my mother and our family. Jean Thank You for being there in those early years and sharing The Shannon Family on this block we called 7th Street. On behalf of the Conrad Jimenez family may you rest and peace and peace be with The Shannon Family in years to come*

*Conrad Jimenez*

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**Conrad Jimenez** - March 17, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 16, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Jeanne Kathryn Shannon.



March 10, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ My condolences to Rebecca, Bonner and Steve. Jeanne was a very special lady that i was blessed to be her caregiver. I going to miss my elderly twin with all my heart. There so many things i can say but I'll take up all the room. Jeanne you were an amazing strong little women to the very end my dear Jeanne. I'll never forget your chuckle, or when i would say ready for bed you'd say No.  
Love you My Dear Jeanne Shannon  
Love your favorite Caregiver Rosie Garcia

Rosie Garcia - March 08, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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*With deepest sympathy! Your mom was a dear sweet lady . Remember her well as being the cheery mom of the neighborhood... I'm so very sorry for your loss . Sincerely Carol TINDALL Kalkowksi*

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**Carol Kalkowski** - March 17, 2018 at 10:59 AM