



## Verna Diamond

June 10, 1927 - May 25, 2014

Verna Diamond, 86, of Madera, California, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2014. She was born on June 10, 1927 to Lena & Walter Kirk in Tennessee. She moved to California in the 1930's where she met her late husband, Vernon Smith. She resided in the Central Valley for the remainder of her life.

Verna was the mother to 3 children which included the late Gloria Hicks, Dorothy Patchell and Glenn Smith. Verna and her husband started numerous business ventures, which included an ambulance service, mini-mart, vineyard, and scrap metal business. Verna and Vernon started a church up in the foothills where she spent her time as a preacher and pianist. Verna's hobbies included ceramic art, painting, playing the piano & organ, cooking and volunteering. She made some very beautiful ceramic art that she proudly displayed as décor in her home. Verna loved dogs. She enjoyed her pet dogs she had throughout the years. Verna enjoyed being a grandmother and did lots of activities with her grandchildren as they were growing up. She volunteered at the hospital and gave paroling inmates rides to the bus station. She was always active in church and attended Grace Community Church for several years. She enjoyed cooking and loved trying out new recipes. Playing the piano & organ brought her great joy along with singing. She was person with a big heart full of joy and love who deeply loved all those around her especially her family and friends.

She is survived by her sister, Anna Pavey. She is survived by her son Glenn Smith and his wife Cornelia of Madera, CA; and her daughter Dorothy Patchell and her husband George Patchell of Madera, CA. She survived by 9 grandchildren and over 10 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light on Friday, June 6, 2014 from 9:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Services will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Arbor Vitae Cemetery in Madera, California.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbor Vitae Cemetery

1301 E. Roberts Avenue  
Madera, CA

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Paul Newman Center  
1572 E. Barstow Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93710  
<http://www.csufnewman.com>

## Visitation

JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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Fresno, CA 93710  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna Diamond



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - June 06, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ Verna Diamond

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“ *Sorry about your loss of Verna, No more suffering . She has gone to be with JESUS !  
MP Roberson remembers her when she was younger!  
You all are in our Prayers!  
Love and Blessings, M P and Cleo Roberson*



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**Cleo Roberson** - June 01, 2014 at 03:48 PM