



Violet Huckleberry

August 1, 1921 - November 20, 2019

Violet Huckleberry was born to Roy and Goldie Riley on August 1, 1921 in Joplin, Missouri. She passed away in Fresno on November 20, 2019 at the age of 98. Roy and Goldie had five other children; Treva, Flora, Lenora, Elaine, Leslie and Leroy.

Her marriage with Everette Bigbee produced three children; Shirley, Lee, and Thomas.

She married Jack Huckleberry in 1951 and moved to Fresno in 1958.

In the 60's, she got her pilot's license and become a member of the Ninety Niners. Jack and Violet flew all over the United States and loved flying to Pismo Beach. The highlight of her flying career was piloting the Goodyear blimp over Fresno.

She worked many years for The Fresno District Fair as a bookkeeper until she retired in the early 1980's.

Because of her love of flying, she became a greeter at the Fresno Air Terminal.

Being an ordained minister, she became an assistant chaplain for Saint Agnes

Medical Center and also married couples for the City of Fresno, County Clerks Office, because of her compassion to help and pray with people.

After the passing of her husband Jack, she wanted to help people more and she became known in her neighborhood as "The Bread Lady". She handed out the bread to the less fortunate till she became too ill.

She has touched the hearts of so many people and will be missed by family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jack Huckleberry.

Violet is survived by her daughter-in-law Gisela Bigbee, wife of late Thomas Bigbee; grandchildren Matthias Bigbee and his wife Tina of Long Beach, Tina Redman and her husband Erik of Oakhurst, Bill Bigbee and his wife Stephanie of Fresno, Joann Wilson and her husband Gary of Oklahoma, Phyllis White, Virginia Romano, Madora Mantooth, Lester Grimes. Mike Bigbee of California, Steve Bigbee and his wife Marylou of San Jose, Lenora Bigbee of California; 25 great grandchildren and 44 great, great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service will be held at Belmont Memorial Park on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Belmont Memorial Park
201 N. Teilman Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Tribute Wall



“ *Violet Huckleberry*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Violet Huckleberry.*



December 04, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ *Pink Satin Cross Pillow was purchased for the family of Violet Huckleberry.*



December 03, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ *Phyllis and all the family in New York purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Violet Huckleberry.*



Phyllis and all the family in New York - December 02, 2019 at 06:47 PM