



Florence (Garrison) Penrod

January 7, 1933 - April 14, 2013

Florence Marie (Garrison) Penrod, 80, passed away April 14, 2013 in Cherry Valley after a long illness.

She was the youngest child of Jess and Helen Garrison and was born in her parent's home outside Healdton, Oklahoma on January 7th, 1933. Marie moved with her parents and siblings to the Coachella Valley in 1936 where the family worked as farm laborers. Marie worked in the peach orchards both as a laborer and later as an orchard owner. She worked 15 years at Hadley Fruit Orchards in Cabazon. It was among the peach trees that she met her future husband, Doug Penrod. Marie and Doug raised pheasants, chukars, Christmas trees and peaches on their properties in Cherry Valley, and beef cattle on their ranch in Arkansas.

After their marriage, Doug and Marie moved back to the Coachella Valley where they farmed and began to raise their growing family of 3 boys and twin girls. In 1966 they moved to Cherry Valley and then to Arkansas in 1995. The couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in October of 2012.

Marie loved to read but hosting family events was her true gift and passion. Many happy times were shared with her family and friends at the farm in Cherry Valley.

She is survived by her husband, Doug and five children, Ray (Kelley) Penrod of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mike Penrod and Roger (Sharon) Penrod of Cherry Valley, Cookie (Billy) Hargus of Beaumont, Candy (Steve) Crane of Orland, California, 'adopted' daughter Tammy (Curt) Salley of Cherry Valley, and sister Lois Jenkins of Upland, California. Her parents, two brothers and four sisters predeceased her. She also leaves behind 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter.

Services will be held at graveside in Desert Lawn Memorial Park, 11251 Desert Lawn Drive, Calimesa at 2:30 PM on Friday, April 19, 2013. Viewing will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM prior to the services.

Comments



“ So glad to have had the opportunity to meet Marie. She was a gracious hostess and very warm, caring soul. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time.

Natalie Penrod - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Even though no longer with us, I will always remember the holidays and visits to Indio with Marie and all of her family. I am so glad that I had a few minutes with her on the phone in January and will miss her deeply.

Carol - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Roberta and Bill Snedecor - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM