



VIOLA JEWEL MITCHELL

Viola was born in Tulsa, OK, on December 6, 1932, to Arthur and Ollie Ronshausen, as the youngest with three older brothers. She entered into the presence of her Lord on March 24, 2018.

The family moved to Arvin, CA, while Viola was a young girl, as Art sought work during the Depression. Viola accepted Christ as her Savior as a young teenager at a Christian camp in California. She graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1950, along with her soon-to-be husband Bill Mitchell. They graduated from Bible School in 1960 and moved, in 1961, to Luampa, Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia, where Bill built a hospital out in the bush. Returning to the U.S. in 1965, Viola soon had to raise her five children as a single mother. As a member of the Sacramento Association of REALTORS®, she was active in Real Estate for over thirty years here in the Sacramento area. Viola was active in music ministry at many churches throughout her life, the last eleven at Liberty Bible Church of Yuba City with Pastor Larry Koen. Viola had two daughters and three sons, as well as graciously accepting another 16-year-old youth, Larry Rogers, into her home as another son. With all those boys, Viola definitely had to have a good sense of humor. And she did! The girls were, of course, always perfect.

Our mom loved serving her Lord by serving others. She loved giving of herself in her music ministry, in prayer for others, in counseling others, in teaching the Scriptures, and in simply helping others in any way she could. She loved her children and loved devoting herself to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We will miss our mom but we rejoice that she is with her Lord she loved so very much.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, her son Bill, her three brothers, Bill, Art and Doug, and her grandson Michael. She is survived by her children Patricia (Larry) Koen, Steve (Darlene) Mitchell, David (Karen) Mitchell, and Janice (Robert) Magee, her grandchildren Corina (Rusty) Kibe, Daniel Mitchell, Rose (Greg) Gowanlock, Meghan Mitchell, Allyson Mitchell, Timothy (Angela) Mitchell, Reuben (Rachael) Mitchell, William (Jennifer) Mitchell, Benjamin Mitchell, Stephen Magee, Christopher Magee, Sarah Magee, Michael Magee, Gene Koen, Jason Koen, and numerous great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, March 29th, at Grace Baptist Church, 1980 S Walton Ave., Yuba City, CA. Officiating will be her son-in-law Larry Koen and her son, Stephen Mitchell.

Private burial will follow later at East Lawn Elk Grove Mortuary.