Helen Marie Hallman was born in Osceola, Arkansas on July 5, 1929 to Daniel and Gracie McWilliams. She grew up in Arkansas and Tennessee. During World War II, she volunteered at the USO in Memphis and worked at a munitions plant. During her USO work she met James Collins, who she married after the war. She gave birth to her only child, Norman Glen Collins in 1947. They lived in and around Memphis where she held various jobs. In the early 1950’s she lived in Detroit and Chicago working as a machinist. In 1956 she followed her parents to California, working as a migrant worker in Southern California. During this time she began her passion for antiques and old bottles. She took many trips to the deserts of Arizona and California searching for items to sell at swap meets and garage sales. She began working at Olive View Hospital as a nurse’s aide. In 1988 she moved to Florida to be near her son, and worked at a reloading shop while there. In 1995 she suffered a stroke and in 1997 came back to California to live with her sister Norma and husband Dean. They moved to Oroville in 2005, where she made many friends, and loved to wave to them from the porch as they drove by. Helen passed away on February 8, 2012 in Oroville, California.

Her Family…Helen is survived by her son, Norman Glen Collins of Florida, her sister Norma (Dean) Jones of Oroville, CA; her grandchildren Melissa Binns, Kimberly Burtnett, and Jennifer Beggrow all of Ohio, 11 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her sisters, Mattie Sue Nelson, Lillian Juanita Baldwin, her brothers, Enloe Keaton McWilliams and Homer Eugene McWilliams and her parents.

Her Farewell Service …A Visitation will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson Street. Oroville, CA. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

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