Clara Eleanore Gibson was born on September 10, 1913 in Napa, California to Elvin L. Hawkins and Janet Mary Hawkins. Shortly thereafter the family moved to the Oroville area where she remained for the rest of her life. Clara attended Oroville High School and shortly after graduation married Malcolm (Mac) Gibson a minor, rancher and owner of a heavy equipment construction company. Clara worked on the ranch helping her husband and began her family which would consist of 3 boys. Our mother loved music and played the piano, she would play for hours and taught her young sons to sing and appreciate music. Her favorite songs were In the Garden and Amazing Grace. Mom loved animals, dogs, cats, birds or any strays that needed a home. Her greatest love was her family. Her home was always filled with grandchildren and also neighborhood children that called her Grandma Clara. Mom came from pioneer stock. Her grandparents crossed the plains in wagon trains or arrived by clipper ship. They came to California before it was a state, and she inherited the rugged toughness of her forbearers. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. When asked what she attributed her long life to, she would say getting 4 to 5 hours of sleep, if needed or not, and eating any dang thing she wanted including a lot of potato chips. Mom ended her long journey of 99 years on earth December 22, 2012. She had dinner and went to bed closed her eyes and peacefully went to sleep. She is now with her loved ones that went on before her. She will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Clara is survived by her 3 sons, Malcolm K. Gibson Jr. of Elk Grove, CA; Stephen D. Gibson Sr. of Camino, CA; and Gary Allen Gibson Sr. of Nampa, ID; along with 11 loving grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers James and Douglas Hawkins and her sister Iris Hawkins.

Private family services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville, California. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323