In Loving Memory
Catherine M. Byard

November 27, 1918
January 27, 2013

Her Legacy...Catherine was born November 27, 1918 in Astoria Oregon to Charles and Marie Brooke. She lived in Gridley for the majority of her life. Her father Charles (Jack) Brooke was a Catholic Carpenter, her mother Marie (Emma) Smith was a descendent of the founders of the Mormon Church. Catherine married George (Doede) DeHoff in her late teens: he was the love of her life. George and Jack build her home in Gridley where she lived all her married life. Doede died in his fifty’s, but left her a beautiful son, Dennis George DeHoff. Dennis was a musician; he drowned at the age of 29. Then Catherine remarried in her late sixties to Hershel “Toby” Byard, who was a great dancer and according to her “Swept me off my feet.” They lived happily until Toby died in 2007 at which time her grandson Michael DeHoff moved from Oregon to be with her until her death. Catherine worked for Libby Cannery as an accountant for forty five years. Her great passion in life was gardening. Her garden was featured twice in the Sunset Magazine during the 70’s and 80’s.

Her Family...Catherine is survived by her grandson Michael (Jackie O’Connor) DeHoff, great-grandchildren, Daniel DeHoff, Zachary O’Shea, Alex Spencer, Chris and John Rogers. Her nieces, Katherine (who she adorned) and Evalina, her nephew, Erral, Two special great nephews Darin and Ryan and several other great and great-great nephews.

Her Farewell Service...A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 2013, 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bishop Justin Tolman of the Gridley Third Ward will officiate the service.