Marion Portia Lyde

**Her Legacy…** Marion Portia Lyde died peacefully in her beloved home in Oroville on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Portia was born on November 22, 1920, to Marion and Francis Williamson. She attended Mills College and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree. After graduation, she worked as a news photographer/reporter for the Oakland Post Enquirer in Oakland, California, before joining the U.S. Navy in WW II. She served as a WAVE (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) stationed in Washington, D.C., attaining the rank of Lieutenant. Following the war, Portia married C. Keith Lyde and they moved to Oroville. She later obtained two Masters Degrees from California State University, Chico, one in Art and one in Anthropology. She was a prolific painter and had several gallery showings around Butte County over the years. In the last decade, Portia devoted her effort to writing her book, *Stocking Island*, which was published in 2011. The book chronicled her adventures in the Out Islands of the Bahamas, where she and Keith built a vacation home.

**Her Family…** Portia is survived by her two sons, Charles Keith Lyde and Dorsett Marc Lyde.

**Her Farewell Service …** Private family services will be held and burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877