Her Legacy… Joyce Letty Walsh, 79 passed away peacefully in her sleep with her family by her side on May 4, 2013 at her home in Oroville, California. Joyce grew up in company owned mill towns in Pine Ridge, Chiloquin, and Klamath Falls, Oregon before settling in Feather Falls, California from the 2nd grade through high school. She had fond memories growing up in those small mill towns where everybody knew everybody in town. No doubt it helped develop her gregarious, easy going personality. She graduated from Oroville High School in 1951 and from Chico State with a teaching credential in 1955. She taught for 30+ years for the Oroville Elementary School District, retiring in 1993. She was married to Albert Walsh Jr. from 1954 until his passing in 1996. Joyce and her family enjoyed their long summer vacations spending time with “the gang”. The traditional week or two in Santa Cruz in early August was her favorite. She also loved going to the cabin up at Lake Madrone, sitting out on the deck talking for hours on end. In her retired years, she and her husband Al enjoyed long camping trips, mostly along the Oregon coast, playing golf and visiting with friends and other campers. Family and friends were Joyce’s passion and delight. The door at the Walsh’s home was always open and there was rarely a day when somebody didn’t drop by to chat with Joyce. She had a sympathetic ear and offered sage advice to many of her friends who relied on her in good times and especially when the going got tough. If she wasn’t visiting at home she was visiting out and about around Oroville dropping by her friends’ homes. Her husband Albert once said, “She left to get aspirin once and didn’t come back for three days”.

Her Family… Joyce is survived by her son Marc and wife Charmon of Chico and daughter Jennifer and husband Bob Schmautz of Oroville. She had four grandsons, Izik and Elliott Walsh and Tyler and Ryan Schmautz. She also leaves behind numerous loving friends affectionately called the “gang” who were basically an extended family going back to her high school days.

Her Farewell Service …Joyce requested a small graveside service followed by a gathering of family and friends to celebrate her life. The service has been held. Arrangements were entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323