Her Legacy… Carol Sumner was born on August 1, 1929, a pivotal year in our country’s history, the first year of The Great Depression. Being born into this era, shaped Carol’s character into one of great determination, resolve, and strength. Carol was born working hard for what she and her family needed, and never knew any other way to live. As a child of only 8 years, she was nicknamed “Little Mother” for the way she took care of her siblings and their home. Her determined work ethic continued into young adulthood when she earned her first job. She kept a job from then on, serving others as a secretary, and serving veterans at the VA, where she worked for 16 years. In 1949 she began her life as a devoted Marine Corps wife, homemaker, and secretary. Three years later she added the job of mother to her life, only to find herself 20 years later taking on all her jobs alone as a result of her husband’s untimely death in 1969. However, this tragedy only made Carol stronger in her resolve to take care of her family. Carol worked harder than ever to love and support her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Carol spent her life giving and sharing; never asking for anything in return. Carol passed away on August 24, 2013 in Oroville, California.

Her Family… Carol was born to Estill and May Caudill, following her brother, Eddie, and preceding her sisters, Jana and Gail. She was married to Jim Sumner in 1949, the man she fell in love with when she first laid eyes on him. Their daughter, Karen Sumner, was born on November 28, 1951. Carol was blessed with three grandchildren through Karen: Jamie Lynn Polak, Roman Charles Polak, and Michelle Louise Polak. Carol’s first great-grandchild, Ian Dalton, was born from Michelle. Her second and third great-grandchildren, Drake and Jamie Polak, come from Roman.

Her Farewell Service … A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson Street Oroville, California who arrangements have been entrusted 530-534-3877.