Wilma “Ruth” Costa

Her Legacy... Wilma “Ruth” Costa was born on November 9, 1935, in Oroville, California to Ted and Stella Andoe. She passed away on December 9, 2013 in Oroville, California. Ruth was a wonderful wife, mother, nana, sister, aunt and teacher. Ruth married Ron Costa on April 25, 1959, and together they celebrated 54 years of marriage. Ruth’s passion was teaching and spending time with her babies, first her children and then her grandchildren. Ruth graduated from Orroville High School and California State University, Chico to pursue her dream job of becoming a teacher. She subsequently taught for a year at Bidwell Elementary School in Chico, later she taught middle school in Palermo for 27 years, although she initially insisted that she never wanted to teach anything other than third grade! Ruth joined the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church as a charter member in 1953, and continued to worship there until her illness prevented her from attending. In her spare time, Ruth delighted in her grandchildren, in reading, listening to music, watching Ron play tennis, and traveling with Ron to places such as the Bahamas, Denmark and England.

Her Family... Ruth is survived by her loving husband Ron Costa, of Oroville, CA; and her children Theresa and Erik Johansen; Marty and Julie Costa; Ted and Cindy Costa; Cheryl and Ron Smith; her grandchildren: Meghan Duffy, Madison Johansen, Dane Johansen, Kylie Costa, Kendahl Costa, Cheyanne Costa, Austin and Courtney Costa, Celia Costa, Cassidy Smith and Cody and Cameron Haymore; and her great grandchild: Arabella Costa. She is also survived by her sister Allene Andoe, her brothers Robert (MaryEllen) Andoe; Gordon (Jane) Andoe; and her sister Betty (Clifford) Scheer. She is preceded in death by her parents Ted and Stella Andoe, her brother Dwight Andoe, his wife Dorelle and her sister Emma Sue Andoe. She also leaves behind sixteen nieces and nephews, and thirty-eight great nieces and great nephews!

Her Farewell Service ... Her Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with luncheon to follow; 5640 Lincoln Blvd., Oroville, CA. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home. 530-534-3877.

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