Her Legacy... Dorene Vernita Wood died in her home surrounded by her children, March 14, 2009. She was born Dorene Vernita Warren, October 19, 1931 in Bandon, Oregon to Harry and Thelma Warren. Dorene married Dick Wood on November 18, 1950 and they moved to Oroville, in 1960 from Whittier, California and together provided a home to nearly 50 foster children. Her husband of 33 years preceded her in death but Dorene continued to provide short term foster care for an additional 25 children. Dorene loved to travel and despite her battle with rheumatoid arthritis traveled to many countries. The loving support of her daughter, Robyn made this possible. Dorene had a deep faith and shared her faith with others through Bible studies and personal experiences. She was known for her adventures and lived in Mexico at various times. She was a wonderful grandmother, active in the lives of her grandchildren. She would travel significant distance to attend a special event or birthday. Dorene loved to read and write. She wrote poetry and short stories. Dorene never wanted to quite learning and attended Butte College at various times throughout her life. For the last five years, Dorene made Country Crest Assisted Living her home where she was active in their community. The compassionate support of the Country Crest staff enabled her to remain independent and in the home that she grew to love.

Her Family... She is survived by her children, Dorothy Bybee and her husband Craig of Salina, Kansas, Richard Wood and his wife Lee, and Robyn North and her husband Ritch, her sister Twyla Yates and husband Wally all of Oroville, sister Beverly Cudd and husband Joe of Spartansburg, South Caroline and her sister-in-law Mary Barnhart of Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. Dorene had 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents and niece Linda also preceded her in death.

Her Farewell Service ... A memorial service is planned for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm at Trinity Bible Church; 3115 Myers St., Oroville, Ca. In lieu of flowers, her family is requesting donations to the charity of your choice in her name. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323.