Her Legacy… Mrs. Ricketts died peacefully at home on March 18, 2010 following a short illness. The daughter of George & Alice Rhoades, well known Oroville merchants, Mrs. Ricketts was born July 21, 1933, in the old Curran Hospital on Robinson Street, one of three children born to the family. Her parents owned Rhoades Corner, a second hand store on the corner of Meyers and Wyandotte Avenue. The property also included a gas station and buildings for other merchants. Always an active participant in community and student events, Mrs. Ricketts attended local schools and graduated from Oroville High School in 1952, where she was known as a “lively cheerleader.” In 1954 she married Virgil V. Ricketts, son of another well known Oroville family, who were partners in the grocery store Walsh & Ricketts on the corner of Bird and Huntoon streets. The couple had three sons: Todd, Garth, and Derek. Mr. Ricketts was an educator, teaching at Burbank School, Oroville High School and Prospect High School. Although primarily a homemaker, Mrs. Ricketts pursued her creative talents working for Robert Rogers when he opened his first flower shop. Several years later, with her friend Mary Martin, she owned and operated R & M Mercantile on Bird Street. For a number of years, she was a member of the Jolly Junkers Club, a group of local women who enjoyed rummage sales, arts and crafts, gardening, and flower arranging. She was also adept in re-upholstering furniture and restoring antiques. But her greatest joy came from helping others and devotion to her husband and sons. The Ricketts family spent leisure time at their cabin that was built by her father George in early 1940 at Lake Madrone. As with their home in Oroville, Mrs. Ricketts evidenced her flair for decorating in the rustic setting a welcoming spot for a multitude of friends. She will be remembered by family and friends as a loving mother grandmother sister, aunt, cousin and friend who had a heart of gold and contagious smile.

Her Family… Charmaine is preceded in death by her eldest son Todd in 1987 and her husband Virgil in 2003. She is survived by her sons Garth Ricketts of Oroville and Derk Ricketts of Chico, a brother, Wayne Rhoades of Oroville, a sister, Karna Miller of Wausau, WI; grandsons Kyle, Eric, Chad, Dale, and Jay, and great grandsons Kody and Devin. Also surviving are a nephew, Mike Nelson, nieces Kay Miller, and Marjie Manhart, Great Aunt Jane Masteller all of Oroville, and two cousins Henry Knutson of Oroville, and Ramona Haublin of Richvale.

Her Farewell Service …Her Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church 1715 Bird St. Oroville. Inurnment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Todd Ricketts Memorial Fund at Oroville High School. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.