Her Legacy... Maria was born December 22, 1924 in Vienna, Austria. She was a long time resident of Gridley. Marie was a homemaker who also worked with her husband, Paul on the family Kiwi Farm and was known for her strong work ethics. Marie enjoyed spending time reading and studying medical journals.

Her Family... Marie is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Paul Converse of Gridley, CA; 1 son and daughter in-law, Paul Converse & wife Lynda of Oroville, CA and 1 daughter, Evelyn Young of San Jose, CA. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren.

Her Farewell Service ... A Graveside Service was held Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Pastor Ron LaGatta of Trinity Bible Church in Oroville officiated at the service. Internment was held at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association are suggested by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.