



Iris Buckley

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Iris was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Buckley. She was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma and lived on a farm near Kingfisher. Her family moved west in 1935 during the Dust Bowl era. She graduated high school in Shafter, California in 1942. In her words, “while working in Kelly Grants’ drug store I was standing behind the cash register when Lyle came in. I looked up into his blue eyes and fell in love!” They were married two months later on July 4, 1942, a marriage that lasted nearly 68 years until Lyle’s death on January 2, 2010.

Iris loved gardening and canning produce from her garden. She was a great cook and especially loved cooking and baking for family and friends. She was particularly famous for her home-canned pickles and Almond Toffee.

She and Lyle thoroughly enjoyed square dancing and round dancing with their closest friends, Lucy and Gene Coke, and made many wonderful new friends during that time. Through Lyle’s work with Global Marine, they had the opportunity to travel to Europe, and lived in Melbourne, Australia for two years. In Europe, Iris was finally able to meet a pen pal in the Netherlands to whom she had been writing for 35 years, since grammar school. She and Lyle also travelled to South Africa to visit some new friends they had met while in Europe.

From a family of nine children, she is survived by her youngest brother, Virlyn Perry and his wife Gladys. She also leaves behind her son Paul, daughter-in-law Sharon, her daughter Lyla, and grandchildren Jason, his wife Kristen, and Eli Buckley, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Carpinteria Community Church at 1111 Vallecito Rd, Carpinteria, CA, on Friday, June 12 at Noon. Please visit www.wrhsb.com to leave an online memory or condolence. Arrangements entrusted to Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels.

Cemetery Details

Carpinteria Cemetery

1501 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (PT)

Carpinteria Community Church
1111 Vallecito Road
Carpinteria, CA

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories of Iris I don't know what to share. I remember the Buckleys as far back as the early 1950's when they lived in Greenacres. My mom and Iris were always cooking up something good! I remember when we would arrive at their house in the little valley (Carpinteria) for a visit, the first thing I smelled was bread baking. The summer after my first year in college, Iris and Lyle let my friend, Holly, and I stay in their house (La Brea) for a week while they were traveling. They were gone before we arrived at the house. Iris had left notes in the kitchen of what was in the refrigerator and freezer, of meals she had made for us to have that week. Wow, we ate well! I can hear her playing the piano and singing Vaya Con Dios. She had such a rich beautiful voice. The Buckelys were family to me. I remember being disappointed when I realized that Lyla and I weren't cousins. I was comforted to visit with Iris after my mom's funeral. I'm so sad I can't be there for her funeral, to visit and share memories with Lyla and Paul. My love, thoughts and prayers,
Pattie Smith Parks

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