



RUTH IRENE TILTON

June 8, 1922 - May 9, 2016

Ruth passed away gently on May 9, 2016 in her home in her room, with her caregiver, grandson and great grandson by her side.

Ruth Tilton moved to North San Juan from the Los Angeles area in 1971. She was widowed twice. Ruth traveled extensively to Italy, Japan, to other parts known and collected spoons and pill boxes from all over the world. She had two children, Rex and Reina, of whom Ruth is survived by Reina. She was an avid gardener and volunteer. She was active in the North San Juan Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, North San Juan Community Center Food Bank Distribution, The North Gold Senior Mountaineers, Native Daughters of the Golden West, United Methodist Church of North San Juan and was the Matriarch of The North San Juan Community Church. She was employed by the North Columbia Schoolhouse and North San Juan Old Schoolhouse as a teacher for many years before their closure. Her devotion to the small community of North San Juan was exhibited by her having what she called, "Tilton's Taxi" in her spare time – to take folks to get groceries or run errands. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christopher Hart, Charles Hart, Kevin Hart and David Hart, Steve Griffith, Susan Findlay, and Denise Smith; great grandchildren Jame Hart, Jared Hart, Jessica Hart, Chad Varner, LeeAnn Varner, and Carolyn Burns; as well as her great great grandchildren Marshall Varner, Jayden Hymes, Julieann Varner, Glen Varner, and Lilly Burns.