



## THELMA CATHERINE HELLGREN

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Thelma Hellgren passed away peacefully in her sleep with her family surrounding her, in Grass Valley, California on June 21, 2016. She was 94 years old. Thelma was born on April 15, 1922 in Sonoma, California. She was the third youngest of eight children and the last one to be called home.

Thelma grew up in Berkeley, California where she met the love of her life Wenzel Hellgren. They were married in 1939, and had two children: Linda West and Susan Earhart. Thelma and Wenzel then moved to The Little Town of Washington, California in 1946 to raise their family. In these early years of marriage Thelma worked as a waitress in Nevada City, California. In 1955 Thelma and Wenzel moved to Grass Valley, California. She went on to work at Nevada Union High School for the next 25 years. Thelma was passionate about her work, she enjoyed listening to the kids tell their stories. Everyone that knew her understood that they could always come to her if they wanted to talk, laugh or just needed a soft shoulder to cry on.

Thelma loved to dance and could cut a rug with the beat of them. She retired in 1985, the same year her first grandchild was born. Thelma spent her remaining years doing what she loved the most, being surrounded by her large family and many friends. She created a rich legacy and lasting memories for all of her loved ones.

She joins in death her Mother, Father, Husband, Brothers, Sisters and finally her youngest daughter Susan Earhart.

Thelma is survived by her daughter: Linda West, son-in-law Gene West. Her grandchildren: Gene "Buzzy" West, Rochelle "Shelly" West and Bobby Earhart. Grandchildren: Jessica Spears, Shandy Vandiver, Jordan Spears, Odessa Spears, Sterling Meyer, and Wilder West. Her great-grandchildren: Marissa Fiscus, Kylie Fiscus, Madeline Fiscus, Tristan Vandiver and Isabella Vandiver. As well as her nephew Fred Gerkenmeyer and niece Diane Robison.

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