



## VIRGINIA MARIE REUTER

March 6, 1923 - June 11, 2016

Virginia (Ginger) Marie Reuter passed away Saturday, June 11, 2016, after many years of suffering with dementia. She was 93.

Ginger was born March 6, 1923, in Coleman, Texas, the middle child of five. Her father abandoned the family during the Depression and her mother, Martha Maple (Hart) Franklin was forced to send Ginger and her two older brothers to live with their maternal grandparents on their farm. Despite the circumstances, Ginger shared only fond memories of that time, where she learned to cook and serve farmhands with her beloved Grandma Kelly.

After graduating from high school, Ginger moved to California. She worked as a telephone operator, and later became a bank teller. She met Richard (Dick), and they married in 1949, raising their family in Santa Fe Springs. Ginger continued to work as a bank teller for over 30 years, and in 1985, she and Dick retired and moved to Penn Valley, where they were joined by numerous relatives over the succeeding years.

Before Ginger's illness, life was a great party in which she actively participated. Her positive outlook and endless enthusiasm were infectious. It is no surprise that she would also be blessed with extraordinarily good luck. Ginger was happiest when the people around her were happy. Even during her illness, her basic kindness and concern for others often emerged — in her

smile, and in her words, when she asked, "What are you up to today?"

Ginger is survived by her children, Craig (Janelle) Reuter of Rough and Ready, and Linda (Marcus) Madden of Penn Valley; grandchildren Corey, Renee, Andrea, Kerry, and Tyler; and great-grandchildren Jake, Moose, Jacob, Jordan, Chloe, Owen, Jack, Elyse, and Brighton. She was preceded in death by her husband Dick in 2013.

A Family Picnic to share memories will be held July 30th. Friends are welcome. For more information, contact [jreuter@theunion.net](mailto:jreuter@theunion.net).