

Daneri Mortuary

Christine Fredrick (Bretschneider)

(September 16, 1921 - July 16, 2011)

Christine was born in Wisconsin and lived there until 1946 when she came to California. Growing up in Wisconsin she attended several grades school and after completing the eighth grade she then traveled around Wisconsin in an accordion band --- after that she worked as a nanny, a waitress and in the Montgomery Wards paint department where she met her longtime friend Petie.



When she was eighteen her mother died and shortly thereafter her father died also and she was left with her younger sister Donna to raise. Christine and her sister Millie had become acquainted with the Fredrick family in Antigo and this is where she met her future husband Lee.

After the war Lee Fredrick was discharged from in service in California where he went to work in a lumber mill (Elkins Saw Mill in PiPi Valley) Christine joined him in October of 1946 and they were married. Lee built a cabin for Christine, her sister Donna and their soon to be daughter Janet and they lived there until the mill shut down. In 1949 they moved to Pioneer where their sons Calvin and Mark were born. In 1951 Lee and Chris moved to Pine Grove where they raised their family and Christine began to work part time at several different jobs. Then in 1968 her husband Lee passed away and Christine started a new path in life. She went back to school and received her high school diploma at Amador High and took a job as a cook with the California Department of Forestry. By 1974 she had met Rudy Bretschneider and they were married. She then moved to San Lorenzo and joined another family with three children. She was employed by the Hayward School District as a food service manager and worked there until she retired in 1988. Shortly after her retirement her second husband Rudy passed away and she was ready to return to Amador County to be near her children and grandchildren.

In 1989 Christine moved back to Jackson and became re-acquainted with all her old friends and neighbors. She was able to attend the Faith Lutheran Church where she was one of the founding members and later when she could not longer drive she found a new Lutheran church in Jackson that gave her much comfort as her health began to decline. She was a polio survivor, a breast cancer survivor and had her hip and knees replaced. the key word here is survivor she survived a childhood that included a younger sister (Jenny) dying, a farm failing, a home burning, parents dying, raising a sister and coming to

California with a trunk, a young sister and very little money, living in a logging camp with a newborn, and mountain lions crying in the outskirts of the logging camp. But that was just the beginning --- next she contracted one of the last cases of polio in the state, had hepatitis and gave birth to three children. She then lost her first husband to a freak accident and had to start all over again, only to lose her second husband to lung cancer. All this time Christine made many loyal friends who always spoke well of her, and she also cared deeply for her family and especially for her grandchildren whom she loved more than anything in the world. As a result of her work ethic, her will to survive and her love of family and friends Christine has left her family with a strong legacy to pass to other generations.

She is survived by her children, Janet Fredrick Moody (Bruce), Calvin Fredrick (Jan), Mark Fredrick (Harlene); step-children, Karla Anderson, Sue Hendersen, Rudolf Bretschneider, Jr.; grandchildren, Kevin and Shawn Moody, Steven and Matthew Fredrick, Jennifer Hendersen Smith; great-grandchildren, Logan Moody, Cayden Fredrick; several step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was recently preceded in death by her sister, Mildred Stevens on July 13, 2005.

Friends are invited to attend a visitation Friday, July 22 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Daneri Mortuary Chapel in Jackson. A funeral service will be held after the visitation at 2:00 P.M. Inurnment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Pine Grove at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.