Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel

Elizabeth (Betty) Mills Meline

(April 11, 1924 - September 24, 2012)

On Monday, September 24th, 2012, after a long battle with Alzheimer's, Betty Meline passed away peacefully with her husband of 61 years by her side. Elizabeth "Betty" (Mills) Meline was born on April 11, 1924 in Berkeley, Ca. She grew up in Edgewood, California on the Mills Ranch, established in 1883 by Betty's grandfather. She enjoyed working on the ranch and during WWII when there was a shortage of men, Betty and her sister harvested hay with horse drawn "buck rakes" and manual hoists. She graduated from Weed High School in 1942 then received her Bachelor of Science degree from UC Berkeley in 1946. After graduating from Cal, Betty taught High School at Tule Lake and Weed High. In 1951, she married George Meline, of Weed, and in 1952 they moved to Redding. In 1959, they settled in the town of Shasta. Betty continued to teach and didn't restrict her love of sharing to the school days alone. She developed and delivered after school science programs and taught cooking, art and sewing.

In 1953, Betty had the first of her 4 children, but she didn't let that slow her involvement in the community. In 1957 she was a founding member of the Redding Cooperative Preschool, which is still in operation today. In addition to her volunteer work in the local schools, in 1971, with a small group of others, she founded the Shasta Service Guild to assist fire victims and to support the local volunteer fire department and elementary school. While her children were growing up she showed her support in many ways including being a 4H, Campfire Girls, and Cub Scout leader. Among her many interests were gardening, travelling with family, and hobbies such as painting, woodworking, pottery and carpentry.

Betty is survived her husband of 61 years, children Ginny Moldenhauer of Los Molinos, Diane Speelman of Grants Pass, Doug Meline of Redding and Bob Meline of Sacramento, she has been blessed with 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. The family will have a private service. Any memorial contributions should be directed to the Shasta Service Guild, PO BOX 595, Shasta, CA 96087. Please sign the guestbook.

Arrangements handled through Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel in Redding (243-1525).