



Charlene Matthews

May 9, 1922 - August 18, 2015

Matthews, Charlene Mary Shear, age 93, passed away on August 18, 2015, at her home in Buena Park, surrounded by her loving family. Charlene grew up in Fulton, Illinois, a small town on the Mississippi River. She graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College, now known as Northern Illinois University, in May, 1944. Rather than begin her teaching career in Illinois, Charlene chose to teach elementary school in two small towns in Arizona; first at Morenci and then at Casa Grande. She met William "Don" Matthews of Chicago at the USO in Casa Grande where he was serving in the U.S. Army. They married in 1946 and moved to California. In 1963, Charlene began a career with the County of Los Angeles as a social worker and retired in 1983. Charlene and Don were avid sports fans and enjoyed traveling. They were members of the Buena Park Chapter of AARP. Don passed away in 2011. Charlene is survived by her sister, Irene Burkhardt, four children, Cyndie Mayo (Bill), Candy Brady (Terry), Scott Matthews (Debbie), and Cathi O'Neil (Tim), nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, as well as honorary grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by a brother, Eugene Shear, and a grandson, Matthew Profeta. Charlene and Don firmly believed in sharing with others, therefore, in lieu of flowers, please remember Charlene by donating to your favorite charity. Services will be held at Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary in Brea on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at noon.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Grandma, you are an inspiration to every soul that you met. I will always strive to make you and Grandpa proud. All my love, Jeff*

Jeff Mayo - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God has called her home to be with her heavenly family. May God bless all her family here and be comforted in her peace. Celebrate her life and her joy of laughter. We are unable to be with the family in person, but we sincerely offer our condolences to all who knew Char. Our thoughts are with you, Keith and Lynn Pendegrass*

Lynn Pendegrass - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM