



Irene Troutman

August 9, 1912 - January 27, 2014

Obituary of Irene Troutman

Irene Fern Troutman

"Fern" was born August 9, 1912 to Lula H and Robert Byron Keltner in Collinsville, Oklahoma. The family moved to Yakima, Washington where her father ran a trucking business.

Fern graduated from Selah High School, and went to California to find work with the JJ Newberry Company. There she met Delbert(Deb)Troutman, they were married in Laguna Beach, California. They moved to Washington State, living in several cities. They had three sons, Byron, Robert, and Douglas. In Auburn Washington they owned "Fern and Debs" restaurant. The family moved to Whittier California in 1955.

Fern worked for Tibbets dress shop in Whittier for several years, she then returned to work for JJ Newberry Company as a dress buyer. She spent many years in the fashion industry and loved her buying trips to New York, where she always managed to "catch" tickets to the latest shows on Broadway. She finished her California employment as a successful real estate agent.

When Deb died in 1971, she moved back to Yakima to care for her elderly mother. From Yakima, she moved to Littleton, Colorado near son Byron and wife, Kathy, working for May Company. She then moved with Byron's family to Salt Lake City Utah. When Byron retired, Fern moved with them to Leesburg, Florida where she had her own home at the Plantation. When physically necessary, she moved from the plantation to the Lake Harris Health care facility.

Through the eight years at Lake Harris her greatest pleasure was her weekly trips to Michelle's salon to have her hair done. Always fastidious about her dress and grooming after those years in the fashion industry, the greatest sin of any caregiver was to "muss her hair"!

Fern is survived by son Doug and wife Dawn in Lakeview OR, granddaughter Amy who lives in Upper Hutt, New Zealand, and grandson Michael. Byron and Kathy's children are Charlene, Robert, and James. Great grandchildren are: Mary Kathleen, Kristin, Evan, triplets Benjamin, Brooklyn, Brendan; Watt and Jocie. Stepdaughter Joan Durian, has children Barbara, Diane Scott and Linda, with great grandchildren; Amanda, Erin, and Brandon, Anna, Jessica Sarah, Mathew, Katrina and Jody, providing great-great grandchildren Joseph and Christian.

Internment will be in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, California, alongside Bob and Deb.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene Troutman

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma Fern, You will forever be missed. We loved the time we got to spend with you in December. We loved sharing stories and our children with you. You were an amazing women and example to the family you lovingly created. We love you..., until we meet again grandma! Love Rob, Heather, Brooklyn, Brendan & Benjamon

Rob, Heather & the three B's - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of Heather and Rob. We are so sorry for your loss.

Vanessa and Bryce - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family and Friends, Ferns passng is a great loss to our family. She was always a great mother-in-law to me and an inspiration. She was always there to help in any way she could. She loved the Bible and the Lord Jesus. She loved to quote many bible verses from memory. She also wrote poems on oocasion. She dearly loved little children and their cute ways-she would tell and retell many of these stories. I am sorry you are gone now...Fern,see you in HEAVEN. Love always, Kathleen xoxox

Kathleen Troutman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM