

# Mary Whitefield

1929-2011



Mary Whitefield passed away peacefully at her home in Nipomo with her family by her side on September 11, 2011. She was born December 4, 1929 to Oscar and Carlesia Le Compte, in Opelousas, Louisiana. Mary grew up and was educated in San Francisco. She moved to Santa Maria in 1949, where she met Hershel F. Whitefield, and they were soon married. Together, they had two daughters, Sheila and Karen. Mary was a loving and devoted mother and delighted in being involved with her girls, as well as their friends. She was a Campfire Girls leader, 4-H Sewing leader and active PTA member. Being the Bookkeeper for her husband's Building Construction business kept her quite busy but she always had time for her family and friends. Gracious and kind was Mary. She contributed much joy to all the people in her life. Mary was a fabulous cook and was practically famous for her Coconut Cream and Lemon Meringue pies. Never one to sit idle, after her children were raised, she became a Beekeeper. She could be found at the local Farmers market where many will remember her fondly as the "Honey Lady" Mary also enjoyed playing Bridge at the Minerva Club and the friendships with all the special ladies she met there. She was a member of the Santa Maria Valley Beekeepers Association, the Orcutt Mineral Society where she learned to facet stones and the Minerva Club. She was greatly admired by her Grandsons, Rawley and Dustin. They will always cherish time spent with their sweet, patient and fun loving Grandma.

Mary is preceded in death by her devoted husband of 59 years, Hershel F. Whitefield, who passed away one month ago; her beloved daughter, Sheila Whitefield of Santa Maria. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Carlesia Le Compte, brothers, Charlie and Curtis LeCompte, sister, Ida Kohl all from the bay area; sister, Ethel Delafosse of Washington.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Karen and son in law, Randy Hermreck of Arroyo Grande. Her grandsons, Rawley Hermreck of Santa Maria and Dustin Hermreck of Nipomo. Her sister, Beatrice Marciel of Santa Maria, and sister Wanda Shuman of Daly City, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be held Sunday, September 18, 2011 in the Chapel of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary at 7:00 pm, visitation will be from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. A Funeral Mass will be held the following day, Monday, September 19, 2011 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nipomo at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the Arroyo Grande Cemetery.

Friends, if they so desire, can make contributions in memory of Mary to the Alzheimer's Association 3480 S. Higuera St. #120 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or Minerva Club Preservation Fund P.O. Box 881, Santa Maria, CA 93456 or the Sheila D. Whitefield Memorial Fund, held at Community Bank of Santa Maria, 1421 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Arrangements under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens.

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