



## Diane Charle Wood

September 1, 2023

Diane passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on September 1, 2023. She was born to Lillian Kester and Casey Wippert on August 1, 1934, in Los Angeles California. She attended Citrus high school in Glendora and walked with the graduating class of 1952.

She spent summers traveling to Idaho to spend time on her grandparents' farm. While headed home by train one day she ran into a gentleman who after sending letters back and forth later became her husband. She married the love of her life, Francis Wood, on July 30th, 1954 in West Virginia. They spent time traveling the world together by train while he worked for the southern pacific railroad. As a young woman she waitressed at the Great Wall Chinese restaurant and volunteered at the carousel theater in West Covina California.

It wasn't long before they settled in Montrose where they welcome their son Darrell into the world on October 11th, 1955, and not too long after Robin was born April 18th, 1961. It was then she got involved with the PTA and local boy scouts.

As a hobby her mother, sisters and herself took a liking to antiques and depression glass. It became her passion to travel and find the best of the best antiques and she later created a successful business called "Glass with Class".

She was a stubborn but simple woman. She loved yard art and gardening; you could find her out by the pool clipping back her rose bushes or picking peaches off her peach tree. She loved Christmas and would spend days assembling her beautiful snow village. Her favorite color was blue but she loved to wear red, she loved orange dreamsicle ice cream, tea parties and birds. She was always up for a trip to the movies, shopping or to go get pampered at the salon. After the passing of her late husband and mother she moved to Loveland Colorado. In the spring and summer time she would enjoy visits to Estes Park and walks through the sculpture park before deciding the cold winters weren't for her. She took to a life in Albany, Oregon where she spent time visiting the ocean, watching whales, dolphins and sea lions.

Later she ended up back in Colorado with her children for her final years. She liked to be called "Charlie". She made friends everywhere she went and enjoyed reminiscing about the

"Good-ol-days". She found pride in her family's accomplishments and the legacy that she would ultimately leave behind. A month before passing, she spent her 89th birthday celebrating with gifts, cake and laughter at her daughter's family restaurant.

She leaves behind 2 children, 7 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, a great great grandson, nieces and nephews, and 3 brothers-in-law.

Diane "Charlie" was preceded in death by husband- Francis Wood, Mother- Lillian Kester, Stepfather- Lloyd Kester, Birth father- Casey Wippert, Sisters- Ardith Lemay and Janice Stock, Brother- Carl Wippert, and Nephews- Carlton and Steve White.

Diane "Charlie" is survived by sister- Donna Fanning, Children- Darrell

(Patricia) and Robin (John), Grandchildren- Cody, Amber (Chris), Misty (Mike), John (Amber), Francis, Michael (Brittany), Rebecca (Kyle), Great Grandchildren- Oliver, Thomas, Baylee, Michele, Kaitlynn, Paitynn, Kimberley, Jamie, Gemma, Charlie, Nathan, Kaedence, Raelynn, Grayson, Carter, Joseph, David, Aleasha, Jenica and Great great Grandson- Antoni.

She will be so missed.

A viewing will be held at Goes funeral home in Ft Collins, CO on Sept 12, 2023, from 2-4pm. A grave side service will be held at Oakdale Memorial Park in Glendora, CA. Specific date and time of service is to be determined and will be announced at a later date.

Flowers may be sent to Oakdale Memorial Park in Glendora CA in Memory of Diane Wood. Donations can be made directly to the family to cover any and all costs that will occur.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane Charle Wood is my Aunt!! She gave me so much love, & I hope she felt the love and appreciation I will always have for her. She was my calm to my (birther) storm. She always had positive thoughts and advice. She (& Grandmother Kester) are where I pull my blood strength from. Although I’ve only known you a third of my life, it’s you & your family that accepts me unapologetically with open arms, non-judgmental demeanors & the unconditional love that I was fortunate enough to grow up with from MY MOTHER & FATHER (who adopted me from birth!).*

*I miss you Auntie Charle! I’m so thankful that Becca phoned me right away & even more thankful I didn’t hesitate when you needed me most! I loved listening to you tell me about the birds, or flowers you saw. I miss just hearing your voice talking to me about nothing at all.*

*Thank you for everything, I know you’re with Francis & Grandmother & all your family. Thank you for raising your kids in a fashion that we both feel fortunate to have each other!*

*L♥VE Y♥U !!!*



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Nanette Quale-Garmon - September 12, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *So wish the fates had allowed us more time together. The time we had was like opening surprise packages, we had so much in common and we would laugh as we kept finding more. She is so missed.*

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Donna Fanning - September 12, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ Mom you will be missed. I remember fondly our morning talks from the last 10 years. I loved listening to you stories of your ch, young adult and adulthood. You were not only my mother-in-law but one of my best friends. I'm so glad your family was with you at the end. That was your wish.

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**Pat Wood** - September 06, 2023 at 02:45 PM