



Fran Penrod

January 30, 1923 - March 20, 2011

Frankie Mathena Allred (aka Fran Penrod-Allred) died Sunday, March 20, in Berkeley, California where she had lived nearly 20 years. Frankie was born January 30, 1923, in Price, Utah, where she lived nearly forty years. She was 88 years old. She was preceded in death by her parents Raleigh Lee Sr. & Nettie Clara Mathena, 16 brothers and sisters, and one granddaughter. She is survived by 11 grandchildren: Michel Closson, Jayne Allred, Brian Tennant, Lonnie Byrd, Lori Byrd Smith, Donny Closson, Jeff Tennant, Lynda Byrd West, Scott Hancock, Kerry Tennant, and Ben Hancock, in addition to 32 great grandchildren, and 9 great, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Frankie's twin brother Frank Mathena died in 1970 in Colorado

Frankie married Warren Allred June 30, 1938 in Price, Utah, where they raised their children. She was active in the LDS Church as well as several civic organizations there. The family moved to Mesa, Arizona in 1961. She was employed by Courtesy Cab, Mesa Lutheran Hospital, the Social Security Administration, and the American Association for the Blind. After 46 years of marriage, Frankie and Warren divorced and she relocated to Ogden, Utah, where she met and married Vern Penrod in May of 1986. They moved to Berkeley, California in 1992, where they were both active in the Church and in the community. After nearly 10 years of marriage, they divorced and she remained single while continuing her life's work in the LDS Church with strong convictions and was loved by all who knew her. She loved life and enjoyed

beautiful things and music.

Despite having been born legally blind, her accomplishments in all areas of life were outstanding, earning her high acclaim as an honest, hardworking, “people” person. Although she had only a grade school education, she loved learning all she could, and in her 50’s earned her GED. She also completed several college classes in preparation for employment opportunities. She had a great love for various crafts, was a talented knitter and shared her skills with many by training any who were interested. She continually organized groups and worked in behalf of the visually impaired. Fran mastered the public transportation system in the San Francisco area, learning how to navigate and go wherever she wished on buses, cabs, and BART. When it became difficult for her to walk far, she mastered the computer (including email) and ordered groceries, clothing, and other items online delivered to her apartment.

Fran touched so many lives and will be missed by her family and all who knew her.