



## Mary Elizabeth DeLoatch

June 30, 1944 - April 27, 2016

The life, times and seasons of Mary Elizabeth DeLoatch began on June 30, 1944 in Grayson, Texas.

Born to parents, Frances Louis Forbus and Jeremiah Soloman DeLoatch, who also served in the United States Army.

After the untimely death of her mother, Frances, at the age of six, Mary and her older brother, Jerry, and younger sister, Patricia, were relocated to Berkeley, California, to reside with maternal grandmother, Mary Belle Haith, and great-grandmother, Janie Houston, assisted with their care. Her father, Jeremiah, transitioned into eternal rest in 1972 due to an accident on his farm. Mary received her formal education from the Berkeley Unified School District. She later married Mr. Lester M. Polk in 1963, who preceded her in death in 2002. Mary pursued employment as a household domestic worker for many years and later worked with the Oakland Public School District as a foodservice worker.

Mary was loving, sharing and kind hearted person who enjoyed life, giving to everyone she encountered and to anyone in need; even at times her last. She looked out for the less fortunate, the homeless, the hungry and anyone needing a cigarette. She would say, "I never refused a smoke to a man down on his luck". Sometimes she would say "that smoke is all that a man has". Mary was known for her smile, laughter, her usual hand wave and sweet

genuine personality. Occasionally, she would express her sarcastic wit and humor. She was very strong resilient a survivor of the storms of life. She was not hard or embittered by life but made better and more loving by the storms. She was a very talented person. She wrote poetry, music and was artistically inclined in the areas of drawing, sketching and coloring. Mary's musical talent allowed her to record a 45 single titled, "There is no life without love", which was later published in a literacy compilation of written works of local bay area women. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles and her television favorites where The Rifle Man and Gun Smoke. She also enjoyed Andy Griffin and Nash. She was a ME TV fan.

Mary's brother, Jerry DeLoatch, preceded her in death in 2009.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (PT)

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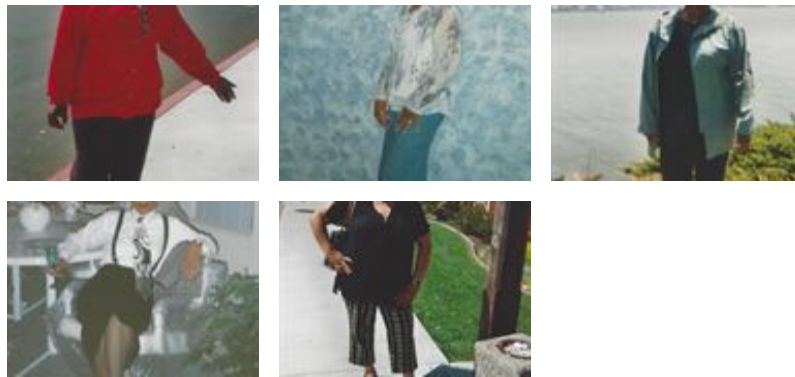


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