



## Verma Eldora Franklin

October 17, 1920 - September 4, 2017

### My Life

1920 - 2017

“Life and Death are one, even as the river and sea are one.”

Kahlil Gibran

From Fallis, Oklahoma, October 17, 1920, to Berkeley, California, September 4, 2017, what a journey! It took 96 years to make this trek, all 1,662 miles of it. People do it nowadays in three hours or less, but you know I was never one for hurrying. I suppose that I could have done it sooner, but I would have missed so many precious moments, and beautiful memories that created unspeakable joy in my life. These memories became ever so precious with the changing of each season, particularly in the winter of my life, when the sun was setting, and the cool earth began beaconing for my limbs. I recall with gratefulness the many blessings afforded me.

I am so thankful for two wonderful daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. What a privilege it was to have a hand in influencing your lives, and imparting pearls of wisdom that I hoped would one day serve you well. Family was always so important to me. I'll miss our times together, with nieces, nephews and cousins, when the whole clan gathered for food, fun and fellowship. Christmas and Thanksgiving were my favorite times for getting the family together, and also where I did some of my best culinary creations. I also enjoyed sewing and crocheting.

I worked at the VA Hospital for more than twenty years, I learned that “in keeping yourself with labor you are in truth loving life.” In my retirement years, I continued to love life, doing things that I enjoyed, baking, entertaining friends, and challenging my girlfriends to a wholesome game of bingo and Pokeno...oh, the fun we had, and the good times we shared!

Now, please don't think for one minute that my life was out of balance. Actually, it was well focused and always centered on the one who directed every step of this 96 year journey. God blessed me immensely, giving me a super family, great friends, and meaningful employment. He also blessed me with a beautiful church family, Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. It is right here that I spent the most important years of my life. I raised my girls here, grew in my relationship with the Lord, and learned to demonstrate my love for him in the way that I tried to live my life. As an active member for more than 70 years, please know that I loved serving, working joyfully in many capacities, and particularly on the Usher Board. Taylor Memorial helped to strengthen me in my walk with the Lord, and nurtured me through years of spiritual growth and personal development. You were always there for me, when things were good, and when “life happened.” Thank you for the love you shared, the sweet spirit of caring, and the commitment you demonstrate for the making of Disciples for Jesus Christ.

It is with a little sadness that I leave all of you, can't truthfully say that I was ready to go, but the journey is ended. For 96 years, I had the gift of mortality, but now I have taken on immortality and gone to live eternally with the Lord. That's good news! So, until we meet again, stay strong in the Lord and enjoy his peace!

I love you all,  
Verma



# Cemetery Details

## Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, CA 94803

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church  
1188 12th Street  
, Oakland, CA 94607

## Service

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