



Dorothy Claire Lessard

February 6, 1924 - November 8, 2016

Dorothy Claire Lessard was born February 6, 1924 in Tacoma, WA to Alma Mavis Lohman and Earl Henry Winslow. She was later adopted by Willie J. Miller along with her older sister Marie. She married on January 8, 1943 to Joseph John Lessard in Tacoma, WA. Dorothy has now joined three of her children, Michael, Stephen and Christopher; husband Joseph; sister, Marie Fortier; and brother, John Miller. She leaves behind her remaining sister, Lou Olmstead of Federal Way, WA and her children Suzanne Weaver of Cross Roads, TX, Deanna Lessard of Monrovia, CA, and Barry Lessard of Los Angeles, CA. Dorothy had thirteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Dorothy grew up in the Methodist Church singing in the choir and even at age 92 with dementia she could sing all of her favorite hymns by memory. She volunteered with the blind for many years not only to help run their errands but also reading books onto tapes for their enjoyment. Every Sunday Dorothy could be found in the nursery of First United Methodist Church in Pasadena, CA where for over twenty years she lovingly helped raised every new baby. After a full life of raising six children as a single parent and cleaning other people's homes, she took to babysitting. At the age of 82 she was taking care of twin girls. For the last six years Dorothy, has been a resident of the Vintage Health Care Center graduating to the Alzheimer Ward about two years ago. There she was lovingly cared for by the staff and earned the nickname of "The Queen" for her strength, her care of others, her great stories on life and her love of the Lord. Mom, you have earned your rest after a

long life of love and hardships. We love you and will miss you until we join you in heaven. Dorothy passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in Denton, TX. After cremation, her cremains will be distributed between Washington and California where her family is located. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

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“ Truly sorry to the family for their loss. Dorothy was a great lady and she will be missed.

Maria Torres - November 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM