

Helen Jean Floyd

August 23, 1927 - March 7, 2014

Helen Jean Floyd, 86, of Ventura, California, passed away Friday, March 7, 2014, after a lengthy illness.

Helen was born August 23, 1927, on the Nuyaka (Creek Indian) Mission property in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, to the late Lindsey Ivan Davis and the late Zelma Drucilla (Cook) Davis. Helen and husband, Paul Hamilton, moved from Oklahoma to Pacific Grove, CA where first son, Paul (Johnny), was born. Not quite sure about California, they returned to Oklahoma City, where second son, Jerry, was born. Deciding to give California one more try, third son, Bill, was born in Los Banos, California. A job - and cool ocean breezes - beckoned in Ventura, so once more Helen's growing family relocated.

Daughter Nancy was the only one of Helen's children to be born in the city where Helen would spend her remaining years. She did visit her parents, who were living in Dos Palos, CA in 1954 and it was in Fresno, CA that she gave birth to her fifth child and fourth son, Richard (Rick). At the age of 28, Helen was widowed. She married Max (Mike, Red) Floyd, and they spent the next 35 years raising kids, along with an odd assortment of dogs, cats and a variety of birds, in the big, white, 2-story house on Poli Street. In 1991, Helen was again widowed.

She did not let the asthma that plagued her all her life interfere with enjoying life. Once her children were in school full-time, Helen began a 25 year career as the cashier in the lunchrooms in local elementary schools. Volunteering was important to Helen, and the Red Cross was one organization to benefit. As a Grey Lady, she assisted school nurses in administering eye and hearing tests to students. She chaired the Volunteer program - training teens to assist in convalescent hospitals.



Max "Red" Floyd

June 2, 1919 - January 27, 1991

Max "Red" Floyd, 71, of Ventura, died Sunday in a Ventura hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Floyd was born June 2, 1919, in Huntington, W. Va., and was a 38-year county resident, coming from Maryland.



He was retired, having worked for C&W Fence Co. in Ventura for 30 years. He was a member of Laborers Local Union No. 585, a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

He is survived by wife Helen; stepdaughter Nancy Bocovich of Ventura; stepsons Richard Hamilton of Ventura, Paul John Hamilton and Jerry Hamilton, both of Oxnard, and Bill Hamilton of Casitas Springs; sister and brother-in-law Helen and Carl Childers of Aberdeen, Md.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 4:30 p.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ventura with the Rev. John Bergren officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ventura County chapter of the American Heart Association. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ted Mayr Funeral Home in Ventura.