



Evelyn J. Layne

April 5, 1923 - April 11, 2012

On April 11, 2012, Evelyn Layne passed away in Thousand Oaks, California. Born on April 5, 1923 in Thrall, Texas, Evelyn was first and foremost, a devoted and loving mother, sister, and grandmother. She was one of five brothers and sisters, the children of Gabe and Emma Dooley of Thrall. She grew up on the family farm and attended school in Thrall. During WWII, she moved to Galveston, Texas to assist in the war effort, and married Chester Layne. They moved to Chicago after the war and spent the next 40 years living in the Mid-West. While living in Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan, the family raised two children, Janet and Scott. In the mid 1970s, Evelyn went back to school and completed her degree in nursing and started a career as an RN. In the late 1970s following her divorce from Mr. Layne, she moved to California, originally to Santa Barbara and finally to Thousand Oaks, where she was an RN at Los Robles hospital until her retirement. She was a dedicated and compassionate nurse, and even after her retirement she did volunteer nursing at the Goebel Senior Center in Thousand Oaks - taking blood pressures and offering cheerful advice to fellow retirees. Evelyn also had a strong sense of community involvement and served for many years on the board of directors for the Oak Knoll Homeowners' Association. Throughout her life she was a devout Christian and supported many charitable causes. She died peacefully in her sleep, with her son Scott at her side. Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Janet Branham, granddaughter, Allison Branham, son, Dr. Scott Layne, grandsons, Elliott and Ethan Layne, and sister, Mary Harding. Burial

will be at the family gravesite in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Thrall, 10:00 AM Thursday April 19, 2012 with Pastor Ray Dennis officiating.