



## Phyllis Jean Friend

January 23, 1926 - November 24, 2019

Our beloved mother and grandmother Phyllis Jean Friend broke free and left us on November 24, 2019 due to complications of old age.

She was born Phyllis Jean Metz on January 23, 1926 in a farm house in Big Valley, Pennsylvania, the tenth born of eleven kids. She told us many stories of her early childhood on the farm. When she was six, mom and her younger siblings moved to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. She went to school and worked at a five and dime store among other odd jobs until graduating high school in 1944. She worked for a year at J.C. Blair Stationary to save money to travel to California. There she met her husband Douglas Allen Friend on a blind date and they were married on Aug. 1, 1947. Dad got a job at the Division of Highways soon after and the family moved to San Luis Obispo in 1966. Mom and dad raised their 2 sons, Scotty and Tim, until Doug's passing in March, 2006. Mom kept busy with volunteer activities and her granddaughter Bailey until old age snuck up on her at age 89. She passed peacefully at home at age 93. Mom is survived by her son Scotty (Kerry), granddaughter Bailey and son Tim.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Scotty, Timmy, Keri and Bailey,*

*I just heard today that my dear friend and your mom and grandma passed away. I am so sad that we didn't have a chance for one last breakfast at Cowgirls. Thank you Kerry for bringing her to the Junior High Library so many years ago. She was a devoted volunteer and became a wonderful friend. When I transferred to the high school library, I said, "I get custody of Phyllis" and thankfully she wanted to come with me.*

*She lived a long and full life and loved all of you dearly. I am thankful for the opportunity to call her my friend.*

*Love,*

*JoAnn Richardson*

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