

Charlotte W. Bisbee

March 30, 1935 ~ September 25, 2024



On Wednesday morning, September 25, 2024, Charlotte Vivian Ward Bisbee, 89, passed away at home peacefully in her sleep.

Charlotte was born at home, to Claude and Alberta Ward on March 30, 1935, in Paducah, Kentucky. She was an only child. Shortly after her birth, they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio before settling in Jackson, Michigan. In Jackson, 'Char' attended McCain School, a one-room schoolhouse. It was there, in the sixth grade, that she met her future husband, Donald.

Char graduated from college and received a "Lifetime Teaching Credential" from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Don and Char married on June 16, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. At the time of her passing, they had been married over 68 years.

Four years after they married, Don and Char welcomed daughter Cynthia Bisbee Sasser (David). In 1961, when Cindy was less than a year old, the family of three moved to Tracy, California. Five months after moving to Tracy, son Derek was born. It would be just over ten years later before their third child, Christa was born.

Char was a very loving and attentive mother. She was a teacher for close to 50 years, mostly for Tracy Unified School District. She taught at a few schools before planting her roots at Central Elementary School where she taught first grade, and then Kindergarten for her last 15 years of teaching full

time. She would often be seen walking to and from school since it was only a block from her home. Char retired in 2001 but continued substitute teaching for more than 10 years after retirement. She would only "sub" for lower grades (K-3rd) because above third grade, the students were taller than she.

Char was a member and active in the First Presbyterian Church of Tracy where she sang in the choir for many years, played the handbells, was an elder and a deacon. She also sang in a singing group of women called Stocking and her Supporters where they would perform at various events. Char was also a member of the Junior Women's Club and later, Tracy Women's Club, she was on a board to have the Stockton Symphony play at local schools, she was in various parent clubs, Tracy Community Theatre, to name a few. Char enjoyed playing the piano, handbells, going to church, singing and dancing. She enjoyed going to Lake Tahoe every summer with the Presbyterian Church and staying at Zepher Point, Lakeview Lodge. In the 1990's, she travelled to Europe with a group of teachers. Char had many lifelong friends.

Char touched the lives of many children. She always had a piano in her classroom. She would incorporate music and singing into her lessons, especially during holidays. She did fun activities with her class like make cinnamon applesauce (Math) and "Old Witch" blueberry pancakes.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Donald; children, Cindy Sasser (David), Derek, and Christa Bisbee; grandsons, Joshua Findley (Crystal), Matthew Crawford, Johnathan Bisbee, and Joshua Sasser; granddaughters, Rachelle Kekic, Denae Melgoza (Rene), and Jacque Beltran (Pedro), great grandsons, Richard and Chance Findley, Cruz Kekic, Reagan Melgoza, Seth, Uriah and Xane Beltran; great granddaughters, Destiny Scott (Matt), Liberty Findley, Savannah Kekic and Charlie Melgoza; great great grandchildren, Nevaeh and Christopher Scott. She was very loved and will be missed so very much.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital, Sutter Care at Home, and Prime Hospice. A special thank you to Dr. Shital Hubli and SCAH nurses Francia and Syed.

Visitation will be at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy, California on Monday, October 14, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Beverdor Avenue, Tracy, California on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the First Presbyterian Church of Tracy.

An online guest book is available for condolences and special messages to the family at www.frymemorialchapel.com

