



## Alice Jenkins Fukagawa

April 1, 1954 - September 10, 2019

Alice J. Fukagawa 65, of Kingsburg passed away from this life on the morning of Tuesday September 10, 2019 at home with her loving husband Steve at her side.

Born Alice Virginia Jenkins to Roland and Louverne "Polly" Jenkins on April 1, 1954 in Milton, Florida, the youngest of two daughters and sister to Renee. She became known as "Ginnie" to her family and friends. The Jenkins Family moved to California in 1960, living for one year in Madera before settling in Kingsburg. She went through Kingsburg Elementary, Jr. High and High Schools graduating in 1972. The first official job she had was at Alys's Gift Shop, where the current Kingsburg City Hall is located, and there she developed a love of all things Steinbach. Ginnie collected both Christmas ornaments and nutcrackers, and finally had to slow the rate of collection when she ran out of room on the shelves where they sit on display.

In 1975 while at a going away party, Ginnie met a man named Steve Fukagawa. They began dating and quickly became inseparable. Steve proposed on April 23, 1977 and they were wed in Kingsburg on November 19, 1977. They decided to live in Kingsburg and purchased their first home together on Mariposa Street. Happily married they welcomed their first daughter Susanne, and a second daughter Ashlyn, a few years later. Ginnie returned to school shortly after Ashlyn was born and graduated with an

Associate's of Science Degree for Dental Assisting from Reedley College. However, she never worked as a Dental Assistant and instead went to work in the Fall of 1986 at Kingsburg High School as the Library Aide, later becoming a Library Media Tech. She loved working at KHS and after her twenty-eighth year she retired in September 2014.

If Steve was the first great love of her life, and her children (and eventually grandchildren) the second, the third was most definitely a tie between KHS Sports and photography. She began to take pictures of students as they played their sports, trying to get at least one pic of every player. The family traveled to home games, away games, and tournaments that were hours away from Kingsburg, all so she could support the students and take pictures for them and their family members. However, it wasn't only for other people's children, Ginnie never missed a basketball game, volleyball match, swim/dive meet, or cheer event for Susanne and Ashlyn either.

In 2008 Ginnie welcomed her first grandchild and became Gigi. Being Gigi was quite possibly her favorite role and title. Thus, starting a new generation of activity and sports photography. She rarely missed a game or event and would reschedule appointments or outings to attend recitals, games, swim meets, and the ever-popular preschool graduation.

The greatest gifts Ginnie shared with those who knew and loved her were presence and time. She was a loyal friend, devoted wife, mother and Gigi, a listening ear, and a sounding board. Advice was given with both honesty and love. You cannot do those things well without being giving of both your presence and time.

Ginnie was preceded in death by her parents Roland and Louverne Jenkins. Ginnie is survived by her husband of nearly 42 years Steve, her daughter Susanne Eidal and husband Bryan and their children Grace, Nathan, and

Tess, her daughter Ashlyn Swan and husband Daniel and daughter Taylor, her sister Renee Wilson, many cousins, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held Friday September 20, 2019 at 10am at the Evangelical Covenant Church Kingsburg.

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
1490 Lincoln Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice Jenkins Fukagawa*



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**Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel** - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My condolences to Ginnie's family. I had the pleasure of working with your mom/wife for several years at Kingsburg High School, and I fondly remember her kind demeanor and caring nature. I know how much she loved going to the football games and will watch in her honor tonight. You are in my thoughts now and always. I hope you find great comfort in the many memories you have of her.*



*Warm Regards,*

*Michele Schiller*

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**Michele Schiller** - September 20, 2019 at 11:57 AM

LJ

*Gennie and I meant each other when we were 8 years old, living on Windsor Dr. in Kingsburg 57 years ago. She was one of the first kids I got to know after moving to Kingsburg! And over the years, even though we went our separate directions after graduating from H. S., I still enjoyed running into her around town! We always seemed to start talking like no time had passed at all! That's what friends do!! Gennie, my Friend, I'm gonna miss our times of catching up like we used to! Thank you for being my friend! Looking forward to seeing you again someday so we can "catch up" with each other again! We're gonna have so much to talk about!! I'm gonna miss you my dear friend!! 😭*

Lynette (Schmidt) Johnson - October 08, 2019 at 12:40 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alice Jenkins Fukagawa.



September 18, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Jenkins Fukagawa.



September 13, 2019 at 09:25 PM

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“ George, Nadine, Richard, Cindy and Ken Nakai purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Alice Jenkins Fukagawa.



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**George, Nadine, Richard, Cindy and Ken Nakai** - September 13, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice Jenkins Fukagawa.



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September 12, 2019 at 05:07 PM

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“ Dear Steve, Ashlyn, Susanne and family. My deepest sympathy goes out to you in this difficult time. Prayers to you all and to the soul of Ginny that she may rest in peace. Keep her sweet memories close to your heart and may they comfort you in your time of need.  
**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**  
~Debra F



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**Debra F** - September 12, 2019 at 05:00 PM