



Vivian Pauline Darling

March 15, 1927 - January 11, 2025

Vivian Pauline Darling passed away peacefully in her home on the morning of January 11, 2025, at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Darling in Aug of 2010 and her son Dan Darling in Feb of 2024. She is survived by her daughter Jill Valenti and six grandchildren; Jennifer Valenti, Dan Darling Jr., Dustin Darling, Ryan Valenti, Derek Darling and Danielle Darling. And Six great grandchildren; Dustin Darling Jr., Baylee Darling, Sydnee Huff, Dylan Darling, Carson Darling and Lillie Darling.

Vivian was born in Oklahoma to William and Ora Hupp (affectionately known as Grandma Fir) and was the youngest of six siblings: Red, Jack, Herman, Pearl, and Cleo, all of whom preceded her in death.

At the age of seven, her family moved to California, where she later attended Fowler High School and proudly cheered the Red Cats on to many victories as a cheerleader. She went on to attend Bible college, deepening her lifelong devotion to her faith.

In September 1947, Vivian married the love of her life, Richard Darling. Together, they built a home in Kingsburg, where Vivian dedicated herself to raising their family and supporting Richard as he grew their service station

business and eventually tire business which many knew as "Darling Oil and Tire".

A talented homemaker and exceptional cook, Vivian delighted in trying new recipes and passed her culinary skills on to her son Dan and granddaughter Jenny. Vivian cooked until age got the best of her which was only a few years ago. Her home was always filled with warmth, laughter, and the aroma of delicious meals.

Vivian had a vibrant spirit and many passions. She played golf for years at the Selma Golf Course, enjoyed weekly pinochle games with friends and family, and hosted lively card parties where her competitive nature shone. She was also an accomplished artist, earning First of Show at the Fresno Fair for her paintings, many of which adorned her home. Her rose garden was a source of pride, producing beautiful blooms each year.

A devout Christian, Vivian was an active member of the Dinuba Christian Church. She taught Sunday school, hosted gatherings, and was a trusted source of wisdom for her church family. Her Bible was always nearby, open to a marked scripture, reflecting her deep faith and knowledge.

Vivian will be remembered for her honesty, generosity, and fun-loving nature. Her red lipstick and radiant presence lit up every room she entered. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday, January 30th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel, 1588 Lincoln Street, Kingsburg.

Graveside services will be held 9:00 AM Friday, January 31st, 2025 at Kingsburg Cemetery, 12782 E. Clarkson Avenue, Kingsburg.

A Celebration Of Life services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, January 31st, 2025 at Dinuba Christian Church, 355 E Saginaw Ave, Dinuba, CA 93618.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631
(559) 897-2908
<https://www.creightonchapel.com>

Graveside

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Celebration Of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Dinuba Christian Church
355 E Saginaw Ave
Dinuba, CA 93618

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Vivian Pauline Darling*



Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel - January 29, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ *Leslie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vivian Pauline Darling.*



Leslie - January 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ *Leslie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vivian Pauline Darling.*

Leslie - January 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM