



## Mae Adele Johnston

May 28, 1926 - September 3, 2015

Mae Adele Johnston was born May 28, 1926 and died peacefully in her home surrounded by family on September 3, 2015. She was the third of ten children of Stanley and Iola Russ. Mae grew up in Corning, and soon after graduating from high school, she met Corporal Pete Johnston who was stationed in Chico during WWII in the U. S. Air Corps. They met at a dance in Los Molinos and were married six weeks later. This past year, they happily celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends. The family has always cherished this love story.

Mae and Pete went on to raise a family of four children that over time came to include 12 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. They are the families of Conni (Chip) McCoy of Corning, Carol Fillmer of Chico, Cliff (Cathy) Johnston of Red Bluff, and Linda (Bobby) Lucero of Corning. She is survived by her siblings Mary Roberts, Ray Russ, Tom Russ, Dan Russ, Susan Crockett, and Sally Zimmerlee. She was preceded in death by a sister, Meta Cessna and brothers, Roy (infant) and Bob Russ.

Mae most loved being with her family. She and Pete hosted many family gatherings, and over the years, attended most all of the many kids' activities and school events. Mae was an avid quilter and enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, dancing, playing tennis, and traveling. Her early years included square dancing, pinochle games, Sunday drives, and picnics. Also, many years were spent with her family boating on the Sacramento River and house boating on Shasta Lake.

Mae was an active part of each of her family member's life. She represented all the strong qualities of the Greatest Generation and was a much loved family matriarch. She will be greatly missed.

### Poem

Let me put your mind at ease.

I got to this special place, a few days ago

It truly is like a paradise, let me try to share just a bit.

I have sand beneath my toes, a waiter to bring me wine,

To my beach chair anytime.

I sit and look out at the pure blue water,  
The sun tans my smoothed out skin.  
I laugh at the funny things,  
that I see you all getting yourselves in.  
I can say that I miss you, this land is a sweet release,  
The sun always shines, the people are kind.  
Just so you know, you cannot worry about me here  
I have every memory I could ever want to share.  
So, if you will excuse me,  
I have to go now dear family and friends,  
My toes are waiting to dance in the warm white sand.  
Celebrate me today and I will celebrate you,  
Never will I forget nor have I one regret.  
So long and might I say, CHEERIO, sweet Cheerio to me!  
I am free....

Written by Reanette Fillmer

# Cemetery

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## **Sunset Hill Cemetery**

4470 Oren ave

Corning, CA, 96021

# Comments

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“ So sorry for your loss !!! See you Thursday !!! Take care and thinking about all of you !!! Rachelle, Ramiro and Family

**Rachelle** - September 13, 2015 at 07:33 PM

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“ Aunt Mae will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She always had a smile on her face and will be missed by her family and the love they shared.

**Tom & BJ Russ** - September 10, 2015 at 05:17 PM