



## Kathleen June Dietz

June 1, 1930 - March 26, 2025

Kathleen June Dietz, 94, of Corning, passed away on March 26, 2025, in Red Bluff.

Kathleen was born on June 1, 1930, in Whittier, California, to Marinus and Ella Bischel Pedersen. She grew up in Whittier, where she demonstrated an early passion for athletics, especially tennis, and played competitively while in school. She was known as Cappy to her family and friends. After graduating from Whittier High School, she attended Whittier College.

On June 17, 1950, Kathleen married Edward L. Dietz, Jr., at the chapel on the Cal Poly campus in San Dimas. The couple moved to Corning and began farming olives and were blessed with three daughters, Susan, Julie, and Sally. The family moved to Red Bluff, Davis, and then Huntington Beach, returning to Corning in 2001. In the 1970s, Kathleen pursued further education at Orange Coast College, studying nutrition. After graduation, she worked in that field for several years.

Her deepest passion was for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Kathleen lived her life with unwavering faith, consistently putting God first, with her beliefs guiding her actions and relationships. She also loved being in the mountains near Mineral at the family cabin, fishing, hiking, and keeping Ed company during his annual deer hunt. Genealogy and family history were also enjoyed

by the couple, as well as traveling to visit their European family and roots.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband, Edward, and her brothers, Kenneth and Gordon Pedersen. She is survived by her daughters, Susan (LeRoy) Anderson, Julie (Ted) Patton, and Sally (Phil) Manoukian. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Stephanie Patton, Shelby (Ben) Vyborny, Max Manoukian, Emma (Sam) Chung, and great-granddaughter, Lincoln Vyborny. She is also survived by her Pedersen and Dietz nephews and nieces.

Kathleen June Dietz will be remembered for her deep Christian faith, her devotion to her husband and family, and the many memories she helped create for all of us. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who lived a life of purpose, passion

Memorial gifts may be sent to New Life church or the Corning Museum.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren Avenue  
Corning, CA 96201  
(530) 824-2255

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

New Life Assembly  
660 Solano Street  
Corning, CA 96021

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan, it was such a pleasure to meet your mom and dad years ago at Enloe. They were fine people with wonderful daughters. I'm so sorry about your mom. 😭*

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**sylvia martine** - April 05, 2025 at 08:40 PM