



## Phyllis Ann Fox

July 11, 1926 - March 15, 2021

### Phyllis Ann Coker Fox

Our beloved mother, Phyllis Ann Coker Fox, went home to be with the Lord, March 15, 2021. She was born in 1926 in Lenapah, Oklahoma. Only 14 months later, her sister Wathena (Tina) Fox was born. Their parents were Floyd and Ethel Coker. Phyllis and her sister married cousins, so they had the same last name!

She was a 'Beacon of Light' to all who knew her, and music was one place she shined brightest! At only 9 years old, Phyllis, Tina, and two other girls formed a quartet. They went all over Oklahoma performing at singing conventions, where many well-known singing groups gathered. Phyllis sang and played the piano with them. She also played piano in Sunday school at this young age, and sang in operettas at their one-room school.

At 13, Phyllis moved with her family to Corning, CA, where she entered the eighth grade. The following summer she went to a revival meeting and asked Jesus to forgive her sins and come into her heart.

She attended Corning Union High School during WWII. She was in the girls' glee club, played alto sax in the band and piano for the jazz band. She graduated in 1944 and left to attend BIOLA Bible College. She majored in music and sang in a prestigious radio choir. The next year, she took the train to Abilene, Texas and attended Hardin-Simmons University, again majoring in music.

In the spring of 1946, Earl Fox got her address from Ethel and started writing to her. They had attended the same First Baptist Church in Corning. When she returned home for the summer, they dated and got married the following November. She was a huge helpmate

for Earl as he built the 3-J's drive and the A&W in Corning. She often helped out at these businesses. She also gave piano lessons for many years to a lot of students in Corning. She played the piano and organ at the First Baptist Church for 20 years.

Earl became the head of an olive company, so they moved to the bay area. They bought 49er season tickets and she attended the games with him for 50 years!! Phyllis played piano in churches her family attended. She played for weddings, funerals and other occasions in Walnut Creek Valley Baptist, Visalia First Baptist (now Gateway), Incline Village, Reno, Madera and most recently at Park Visalia Care Center. She has blessed thousands of people with her music.

She traveled with Earl to all 50 states plus 49 countries taking each of their grandchildren, as well as many other family and friends. As a couple, Earl & Phyllis were faithful 49er fans, faithful spouses, faithful to family and above all, faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, her sister, Tina, and brother and sisters-in-law, Albert, Edyth, and Dorothy. She is survived by her 3 J's, daughters, Jane Lynn (Arlen) of Visalia, CA, Janice Mueller of Redmond, OR, and Joy Forsman (Jeff) of Swan Valley, ID, as well as 7 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. A shining light for Christ on earth, she now shines on us all from Heaven.

Visitation will be March 26th from 9-11 AM at Hall Bros. Mortuary in Corning, followed by a Graveside service at Sunset Hill Cemetery, at 11:30. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Vision 2020 fund at Gateway Church, Visalia, CA.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Hall Brothers Corning Mortuary  
902 Fifth Street  
Corning, CA 96021  
hallbrothersmort@gmail.com  
<http://hallbrotherscorningmortuary>

## Graveside Service

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