



Rita Ethel Renard

December 2, 1943 - July 22, 2024

Rita Ethel Renard (Willhite) was born December 2, 1943, in Modesto, California, to loving parents Lela and George. She passed peacefully at the age of 80 in Springdale, Arkansas, on July 22, 2024. Rita married her high school sweetheart, Wendall Renard on June 22, 1960. They raised their four children together primarily in Hughson. Rita was a teacher for many years at Ceres Christian School as well as an Avid pianist, piano teacher, and seamstress. She had a passion for helping others, her family, and above all, her faith in the Lord. She was a loving and caring mother not only to her biological children but to the countless others she often would care for and take in. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 64 years, Wendell; son, Randy Renard (Terri); daughter, Lynnette Hancock (Stephen); grandchildren, Amber Nickols (Lukas), Holly Renard, Joshua Ensley (Caitlin), Taylor Tietjen (Jack), Cody Hancock, Kasey Renard, Kyle Renard, Jordan Honea, and Kelsey Honea; great-grandchildren, Roland Tietjen, Payton Nickols, Lane Nickols and Sofia Tietjen; and additionally the countless bonus children and grandchildren who she all lovingly claimed. Rita is preceded in death by her parents, George and Lela Willhite; sister, Alta Ott; daughters, Tonya and Kelly; and granddaughter, Hannah. "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." -John 11:25-