



Blanks, Viva Jean (Pitts)

1937-2022

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A graveside service for Viva Jean Blanks, 85, of Chico will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at Chico Cemetery. Pastor Ronnie Lawson will officiate. Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport. Viva went to her eternal resting place Dec. 5, 2022, in Chico.

She was born May 6, 1937, to Fred and Ruby (Byers) Pitts in Wise County. Viva married Charles David "Chuck" Blanks May 29, 1954, in Whitesboro, and later moved to Chico, where the couple were longtime residents.

She loved children, working in childcare for more than 32 years. Viva's favorite pastimes included reading, cooking, trips to the casino, shopping, traveling and spending time with friends. She was also an avid basketball and volleyball player in her younger years. Viva was also a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Chico.

Survivors include sons David Ray Blanks and wife, Theresa, of Peoria, Ariz, and Douglas Dee Blanks and wife, DeAnn, of Richland Hills; brother, Floyd Ray Pitts and wife, Jan, of Irving; sister, Betty Thornberg and husband, Wayne, of Briar; sister-in-law, Edith Cleek of Hephzibah, Ga.; grandchildren, Jed and Michelle Blanks of Santa Fe, Justin and Tammy Blanks of Dickinson, Kelcey Haas and husband, Cale, of Spring, Jeremy Blanks of Denton, and Jerod Blanks of College Station; great-grandchildren, Memphis and Miles Blanks, Carter Haas; numerous nephews and nieces; and a host of friends and family.

Viva is preceded in death by her husband, Charles David "Chuck" Blanks; parents, Fred and Ruby Pitts; and son, Charles Keith Blanks and wife, Linda Anne.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the First Baptist Church of Chico.

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