

In Memoriam



Armine Esther Salibian Manoukian passed into the Lord's presence on April 28, 2020, at the age of 84, joining her beloved husband, George, who preceded her in 2018. Esther was born in Lebanon and as a student excelled in math and English. After completing college, Esther married George Manoukian. They both attended Child Evangelism Fellowship Training Institute and were both also active in Gideons International. They translated CEF materials into Armenian and established a CEF office in Armenia, training hundreds of teachers to teach the gospel to thousands of children. Esther was a faithful woman of God and a powerful prayer warrior who loved to memorize scripture. She eagerly shared the gospel with everyone she met. Even in her last days she gave Bibles as gifts to the medical helpers she came in contact with, and many others. Her faith in Christ never wavered and she was victorious in death as in life. Esther was an inspiration to many people and pointed the way to Christ for all to follow.

Longtime Valley Church member, **Bill Prouty**, went home to the Lord on May 23, 2020 at age 78. Bill and his wife Bobbie and their family lived in Cupertino for many years. Bill served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for Hewlett Packard. He came to faith in Jesus Christ in the 1980's. Christ transformed his life and radically energized his love for people and desire to serve others. Valley Church was blessed by Bill as he served as an usher, on prayer teams, helped maintain the church facilities and visited shut-ins at home and in hospitals. Bill will be greatly missed by Valley Church, his wife Bobbie and family.

Gloria Steele, age 83 years, went home to the Lord on July 9, 2020. Gloria was born in Montana in 1937. In 1958 she married Paul E. Steele, who served as Valley Church's senior pastor, 1971 - 1991. Gloria faithfully served in church, playing the organ and piano, teaching women's Bible studies and women's Sunday School classes and spent some years teaching in the high school group. She also taught piano lessons at home. She used to joke that cooking was not her favorite thing to do, but she loved to clean. Friends remember that she enjoyed doughnuts. Gloria was grandmother to two, Megan Knight and Matthew Steele, and great-grandmother to Megan's baby boy.

Jane Anne Walters, long time member at Valley Church, went home to Jesus on July 4, 2020 at age 87. Jane Anne cheerfully served others with her sewing talents as a quilter - making lap quilts for the elderly and those undergoing chemotherapy. On the occasion of Valley Church's 50th anniversary, she made a large quilted wall hanging depicting different church scenes throughout the years. Until her health began to fail, she loved to decorate the tables for the senior luncheons. Her beloved garden had many prize-winning irises that were spectacular in the spring. She loved going to quilt shows and to the Santa Cruz coast. Jane Anne had two children, Cindy and John. Her beloved canine companion, Cha-Cha, passed away in 2019, before Jane Anne needed to go into assisted living.