

Remembering Billie Macklin

By Sharon Davis

Long time club member, Billie Macklin, passed away May 29th in Merced, California. She was born in Los Angeles the day before Christmas in 1922 and had been married 67 years to Frank "Mac" Macklin. Billie and Mac were avid travelers and enjoyed many adventures all over the United States and Canada. Family was very important to Billie and they shared annual vacations to Hawaii with their whole family, including the grandkids!

She was involved with many club activities, especially helping out in the food booths at the club swap meets and Heritage Days at Pioneer Village. When the club sponsored gas station was being built at Pioneer Village she was right alongside Mac. Together they presented information and material to the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and our club won a Beautiful Bakersfield Award for the gas station. She also organized a phone tree system (pre-computer days) to notify club members of upcoming events. Billie was an excellent golfer and, boy, she could out walk anybody. Her other interests included cooking, camping, gardening, sewing, writing, fishing, shopping, garage sales and stamp collecting.

We will always remember our little Billie with the big heart (and her 90 mph driving).