

## Alzheimer's

Lola passed to our Lord peacefully on Dec 1st at the age of 94. She was preceded by her husband, Jack and fifteen siblings. She is survived by her children, Jacalyn and John both of the Phoenix area, 8 grand children and 14 great grand children. She is a native of AZ and lived in Kingman, for over 40 years. Lola loved music and directed her church choir most of her adult life. She made a profession of homemaking, was well known for her lemon meringue pies, and was a wonderful seamstress and quilt maker. Her greatest loves were her children and her family. Lola's life was characterized by idealism and a relentless pursuit of perfection. Viewing will be at the Allen Funeral Home in Mesa She will be interred in Eagar, Arizona on December 14, following a memorial service there.

Jacalyn and John, they named both of us after my dad.

When I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade I walked home for lunch every day. She would open the oven door and we'd sit with our feet in the oven and she fed me tuna sandwiches and cream of mushroom soup. While I ate she read *Brighty of the Grand Canyon*. About 50 years later she told my sister that she didn't like cream of mushroom soup.

When I was about nine she decided it was time for the "bird and bees" talk. She didn't want to do it herself so she detailed my dad to do it, and wouldn't let him off the hook. My dad was an ex-Marine and fond of shooting sports, so one afternoon we took a handgun and drove off to the rifle range. On the way there he said to me, "Do you know what VD is?" I had no clue but I said yes because I didn't want to appear dumb. "When I was in China there were Marines who got VD and they didn't let those men come home." So I learned that if I got VD the Marine Corps would send me to China.

Some years later I was in the USO in San Diego and found a copy of *Brighty*. It was a much smaller and thinner book than I remembered. I sat down to read it but found I couldn't concentrate without any cream of mushroom soup. So I walked into the topless bar next door and had a beer instead.

I never made it to China.