

Joanne Dale

October 1, 2024



Joanne was born in Weed, CA, to Lola and Rufus Wilson and moved to Crescent City in 1939. She graduated from Del Norte High School and spent two years at Humboldt State University, majoring in Pre-Med and minoring in Art. She spent three years in nursing training at San Jose State University, began her career as a Registered Nurse in Surgery, and retired as an Office Nurse with Dr. Vipond and Dr. Thomas in 1976.

Joanne met and married Homer Dale in 1952 and raised their family in San Jose, CA. In 1967, Joanne and her husband moved to Crescent City to build and operate the Crescent City KOA Campground for the next ten years. They saw and fell in love with the historical McNulty House during this time. When it became available for purchase, they pursued their dream of a gallery and gift shop, known at the time as McNulty House Gallery.

Joanne spent most of her "retirement" doing what she loved: Art in various mediums. Joanne and Homer moved to Galt, CA, in 2009 to be near her daughter, Leesa Klotz, and in 2022, she moved to Reno, NV, to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Pam Dale. Joanne passed away peacefully on August 15 in the presence of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lola Brown and Rufus Wilson, by her brother, Byron Wilson, and her husband, Homer Dale. She is survived by her children, Craig (Pam) Dale and Leesa Klotz, and four grandchildren: Stewart (Jessica) and Wilson Dale, Andrew and Olivia Klotz, and one great-grandchild Karli Dale. (Condolences can be mailed to Craig Dale, 3230 Show Jumper Ln, Reno, NV 89521.)