

RITA LOUISE STRONG



Rita Louise Strong, 78, died January 2, 2007. She was born in Chico on February 22, 1928, the fifth of fifteen children of Melvin and Ruth Robinson. She grew up and attended school in Chico.

In 1945 she married Raymond E. Strong III of Boston, Massachusetts. After spending many years traveling the world as a military wife, she returned to Chico. Her love of antiques led Rita to become a business owner, opening "New Song Antiques" on the Chico Square.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Melvin and Ruth Robison, brothers, John Marcus, Joe Frank, Charles and Jimmy Lee Robison and sister LaVana Thornton.

She was survived by her daughter, Donna R. Hardin; son-in-law James W. Hardin; son, Thomas J. Styrong and his wife Alison J. Strong, grandson, Scott Hardin and his wife Brenda; grandsons, John T. Hardin, Joel D. Hardin, Stephen P. Hardin; great-granddaughters, Audrey and Ava Hardin; brothers, Gerald, Melvin Jr., Donald Ray, Paul, David, Richard and Stanley Robison and their wives; sisters, Lavelle Massie and Carolyn Thompson; plus a host of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was at the Jones Family Funeral Home on January 5 with Rev. Ford McElroy officiating. Pallbearers were Scott Hardin, John Hardin, Joel Hardin, Stephen Hardin, Sonny Graham and Greg Graham. Interment was at the Chico Cemetery.

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