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Treva Gwendolyn Frankhouser, always known as Gwen, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2014. Gwen, the daughter of Herbert and Lelia Cooley, was born on January 20, 1924 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The Cooley family moved to Streetsboro, Ohio when Gwen was quite young where she attended school and graduated from Streetsboro High School in 1942. Then it was off to college at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio for two years and then on to Saint Thomas Nursing School in Akron, Ohio for more years, graduating in 1946 to become a Registered Nurse. During Gwen's high school and college years she worked in the family restaurant business to pay for her education. It was there that she met her future husband, Robert (Bob) Frankhouser. Gwen and Bob were married on June 21, 1946 in Kent, Ohio. Gwen began her career in nursing in Ohio but after two years the lure of sunny San Diego, where Bob had gone to school to learn sheet metal business and Gwen had family, was too strong and the young couple moved to San Diego. Gwen began her San Diego nursing career at the Balboa Navy Hospital, followed by several years at Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest. In 1971 Gwen moved on to Kaiser Hospital, where she retired in 1989 after 18 years of service. After retirement Gwen led an active life as a volunteer. For many years she was a passionate volunteer at Read San Diego where she taught many people to read and write. She volunteered at Kaiser Hospital and on many of her church's committees and activities. Hobbies such as knitting, reading, gardening, fishing and motor home travel kept her busy. Gwen is survived by her husband Robert Frankhouser, sons Jeffrey and Brian, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two smiling eyes are sleeping, two busy hands are still. The one we love so deeply is resting at God's will. May she always walk in sunshine, God's love around her glow. For all the happiness she gave us, only a few will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose her but she did not go alone. For part of us went with her the day God called her home.



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