



Women in Union Cemetery: Gloria Miserlian

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Gloria Miserlian 1922 – 2004

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Crypt GC05 14A

Gloria Miserlian grew up on Main Street Placerville in the 1920s. Her grandfather owned the Forum Cafe, which is now The Bookery. Her grandfather and father, Babe Butts, later owned the Blue Bell Cafe, where she worked as a soda fountain girl. The cafe claimed to be the first to serve the Hangtown Fry. Gloria admitted later than she never tried the dish – she didn't like oysters.

Gloria married Bill Schroth after graduating from high school in 1941. He was drafted a week after the marriage and became one of the first casualties in WWII. She married Bob Miserlian in 1952. Together they ran the Blue Bell Coffee Shop until 1971.

Gloria knew everyone and loved everyone. Her daughter, Karen Kling, recalled – "If she went to Raley's she was gone for hours because of everybody she would meet."

"Her main thing was that she wanted the history of Placerville to be seen," Kling said. "She gave a lot of pictures and personal items to the museum."

She was also a passionate genealogist. On family vacations – "she'd drive us all crazy," said Kling, "We'd have to go to all the cemeteries and look for dead relatives."

Gloria died in 2004 at the age of 81 in Klamath Falls, Oregon and was laid to rest in Placerville Union Cemetery.

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