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Funeral arrangements are pending at Professional Funeral Director, 2112 S. Second Ave.

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The memorial service will be at a later date at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Oakes was born Aug. 21, 1930, in Los Angeles to Alex and Anna Holopoff Matchniff. She moved in her early years to Fresno, Calif., and graduated from high school there.

On Sept. 9, 1949, she married Richard George Oakes in Pacific Grove, Calif. She worked in Fresno at Bruckner's Clothing Store prior to starting their family, then devoted most of her time to being a wife, mother and homemaker. She loved sewing and doing hand work for her children and grandchildren and entering her projects in the fair where she earned many ribbons over the years.

Mr. Oakes died in 1984 and she moved to Walla Walla that year. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Surviving are four sons, Larry DeRoo of Folsom, Calif., Frederick Oakes of Fresno, Robert Oakes of Hillsboro, Ore., and James Oakes of Cheney, Wash.; two daughters, Carolyn Hall of Walla Walla and Kathryn Collington of Fresno; a sister, Ann Joaquin of Fresno; two brothers, Alex Matchniff of Fresno and William Matchniff of Los Angeles; 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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A memorial service for Natalie Oakes will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 109 S. Roosevelt St.

Cremation was March 2 at Professional Funeral Director, 2112 S. Second Ave. Disposition of the ashes will be along the Cayucos Coast of California.

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