

## **Irma Nelson**

**Irma Nelson was born in Rugby, North Dakota—a town with a population of only 2000, which she affectionately calls “the sticks”. In the 1940’s Irma moved to California to be close to her sister and brother-in-law who was at the Army Hospital in Pasadena. It was there she met her husband, William, a World War II Veteran.**

**The Nelson’s moved to a GI home in Ontario, prior to moving to their home on Caroline Court, where Irma resided for forty years. Together they raised three sons: Bill, Gary and Robert. Irma has four granddaughters.**

**Irma’s contributions to her community are lengthy, but she is careful not to brag about them. While raising her three sons, she served in many capacities at their schools, including the PTA and the Cub Scouts, where she was a leader for nine years.**



**She has been a member of the Ontario Women’s Club for 25 years, and recently received an Honorary Membership for her active volunteering through the years. Irma has many fond memories of the service the Women’s Club provides to the area, including support of the Paramedic program. It is through this organization she has helped with the lost animals and the Salvation Army.**

**Irma has been a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for many years. She belongs to the First United Methodist Church in Ontario, where she has given many years of service.**

**Beginning in the late sixties, Irma joined Chaffey Community Republican Women, bringing her talents and time to assist in the successful election and re-election of many of our Republican candidates. Though she has spent many an hour at various campaign headquarters, Irma says she “loved the social part, because it allowed her to become acquainted with the ladies.”**

**She has eagerly offered to host many fund-raising events for Republican candidates. Her beautiful backyard was the location where many folks raised money and secured votes. A couple events that stand out are those for candidates Chuck Bader and Bill Leonard.**

**Our Republican Women’s group has also enjoyed her hospitality. Many fund-raising and membership events were held at her home. Irma’s son, Robert is a renowned artist who lives in Maui. Through the years she would entice folks to events by having showings of his original art work displayed at her home.**