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December 20, 1933 - January 21, 2017

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“Grandma Jeanie”

NORMA JEAN DUKE “GRANDMA JEANIE” passed away on January 21, 2017, at her home, in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 83. She was born on December 20, 1933 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Rudolph and Lillian Gregory.

NORMA received her education in the Indianapolis Public School System, where she attended Crispus Attucks High School.

At the age of 15, NORMA accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior when she joined St. Phillip’s Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1950, NORMA was united in Holy Matrimony to George Raymond Duke. They were married for 16 years.

NORMA moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1967. She later became a member of Bread of Life Ministries under the leadership of Pastors Simmie and Bessie Richard.

NORMA worked as a Maid and Casino Porter for the Dunes Hotel for 20 years until its closing. In 1993, she helped open the Luxor working as a Casino Porter. NORMA also worked at the Circus Circus Hotel/Casino and the Showboat Hotel where she later retired in the year 2000.

In her leisure she enjoyed eating out, arts and crafts, shopping and listening to the Blues. She was a woman of great patience and understanding. She felt that her greatest accomplishment was raising her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

NORMA was preceded in death by her Father Rudolph Gregory; Mother Lillian Fennell; Aunt Nancy Murphy; Children Allen Duke and Gregory Duke; Grandchild Anthony Taylor; Great-grandchild Eryk Wilson and Sister-in-law Jean Gregory.

NORMA is survived by her Special Friend James Battle of Las Vegas, Nevada. Lifelong Friends; Fannie Whitlock, Katherine Mc Clung of Indianapolis, Indiana and Barbara Truitt of Chicago, Illinois. Her Sons David Duke, Ronald Duke, and Lamont Thomas all of Las Vegas, Nevada. Her Daughters Debby Taylor, Diane Duke, and Donna (Lawrence) Gilbert all of Las Vegas, Nevada; Her brothers Rudolph Gregory, and Robert (Delores) Gregory; Cousin Trevor Bacon; Second Cousin Teresa Bacon-Campbell all of Indianapolis, Indiana. Also, Twenty-four grandchildren; Twenty-five great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and loved ones who were very special to her.