

Vonda Lee Mathews (1942 - 2018)

Obituary

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Vonda Lee Mathews passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord on Sunday, November 18, 2018 after fighting bravely against cancer for several months. Vonda Lee (Barnett) Mathews was born in 1942 in Bell, California to Harriette (Miller) Barnett and Cline Barnett. After attending grade school in Downey, California, she and her family moved to Barstow, California, attending Barstow Junior High and Barstow High School, graduating in 1960. After high school, Vonda attended Barstow Junior College and then Ferguson School of Beauty and Cosmetology in San Bernardino, California. While at Fergusons, she often modeled the latest hair styles and colors throughout Southern California. Earning her state license, she began a career in cosmetology at Raisers Beauty Salon and El Rancho Beauty Salon in Barstow. She continued to excel in this career and earned her license to instruct students in beauty and cosmetology. She instructed students at Barstow Academy of Beauty and Victor Valley School of Beauty in Victorville. In 1963 she married David Mathews of Barstow, California and they recently celebrated fifty-five years of marriage while raising three children; Michael of San Francisco, Monica Klein (David) of Barstow, and Marshall (Tina) of Las Vegas, NV. She was also blessed with 5 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. In 1976 Vonda moved with her family to Victorville, California where she began a career in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as a registration and license technician. Returning to Barstow in 1979, Vonda continued working at DMV at the Barstow office where she met and assisted many happy and satisfied customers. She always did everything possible to ensure that the person at her window had everything they needed to complete their transactions before they left her window. This care and attention to details earned her a following among clients that regularly made numerous transactions. She became interested in tole

painting as a hobby and spent many hours painting ceramics and wooden craft items for craft shows and gifts for family and friends. In 1993 Vonda and her family moved back to the Victor Valley, settling in Apple Valley, CA following her husband's retirement. While in Apple Valley she resumed her career at DMV working in the office in San Bernardino and later returning to Victorville office. She also continued tole painting and was introduced to quilting. After retirement from DMV she began to spend more time in the quilting arts field and often submitted items for exhibits locally and regionally. She belonged to multiple quilting organizations and served as officers in several. Vonda is survived by her husband David; three children, Michael, Monica and Marshall; grand-children, Cory Klein (Tiffany), Cody Klein (Kelsey), Courtney Klein, Colin Klein, Katelyn Mathews; one great-grandchild Brielle Klein; brother Ron (Barbara) of Barstow; niece Tammy Castro (Rob) of Hesperia; nephew Jeffrey Barnett of Apple Valley, and nephew James (Shannon) of Minnesota. She now joins her parents, a baby brother, her beloved dog Jake, and cat Sassy. If angels need help with vehicle registration or a beautiful quilt, surely they are waiting in her line. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Apple Valley Country Club.

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