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Norma Lee (Hunt) McBride of Eureka died December 13, 1995 at age 63. She was born in Des Moines, IA, March 20, 1932. Norma came to CA at age 2. She spent her childhood on the Mohave Desert with fond memories of summers spent shooting rattlesnakes and stripping copper wire for pennies a lb. She attended grammar school in Yermo. Norma was first married in 1948 to Bill Bradford, she was a sophomore in high school. She graduated Barstow High School in 1950. While attending Barstow High, she excelled at many sports. Also, Norma mastered the arts of homemaker and seamstress.

Norma was a true “Jill of all trades.” Norma did whatever she set out to do to the best of her ability. Besides sewing and cooking, Norma spent many hours crocheting, tending to her flower gardens, helping her children with art projects, and always being available to any friend who needed her assistance. You could always count on Norma! Norma was a very smart and resourceful person. She could “stretch a dollar” and make the most out of whatever she had. Everyone agreed, Norma was the kindest and most loving, generous person. To know Norma was to love her.

Norma held various jobs throughout her life; however, for many years she was known in Henderson Center as the “Paperlady.” Also, many folks hired Norma to do housekeeping as she had a wonderful knack for it. Many people will testify that Henderson Center is just not the same without seeing Norma’s beaming smile and hearing her always cheerful “hello.”

Norma is survived by her daughter; Michelle Lynn McBride of Eureka; a son; Michael Lee McBride of La Quinta, CA. Norma's beloved husband, Ralph McBride just passed on in October 2003. Norma had many dear friends who will miss her greatly. Arleen Moseley was her true friend -- they really loved and looked out for one another.

Norma is survived by her two brothers; Gary Hunt of Louisiana and George Hunt of Las Vegas; a sister; Donna Bradford of Las Vegas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; Lee and Adele Hunt of San Jose, a sister; Beverley Ann of Glendale, CA who passed away in 1995 just months before Norma.

Family and friends are invited to attend a double memorial service honoring both Norma and Ralph on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 2:00 pm at Oceanview Cemetery in the Veterans Gardens in Eureka with the Masons and the VFW officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or the Institute for Research & Education on Alzheimer's Disease.

Please sign the guestbook at www.times-standard.com, click on obituaries.
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