

## **Nelson, Donna J.**

Donna Nelson

Donna J. (Raaburg) Nelson, born Sept. 27, 1936 came to rest on Dec. 23, 2008 with her daughter, granddaughter and grandson at her side. Donna has won her battle against brain cancer and is finally at peace.

Donna was born in Colorado and raised in Yermo. She attended Barstow High School where she was a bass drummer and marched in the Rose Parade. Donna had many careers in her life including: rodeo clown, lifeguard, railroad clerk, real estate office manager and property manager, as well as mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. After retirement she spent her time as a caretaker for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, enjoyed crafting with her long time friends and providing love and support for her family in their time of need.

Donna had an astonishing love for life, her family, crafting, baking and an unbelievable will to survive. She was a tenacious woman who stood her ground, often with negative consequences, but never swayed on what she believed to be right, true and honest and was always there for her family and willing to listen when they needed her most. She was a rare woman whom gave everything she had for the ones that she loved.

She is preceded in death by parents Ed and Lucille Raaberg and survived by her sons, Kris Nelson and his wife, Raylene of Barstow, Tom Nelson of Needles, Gene Nelson and his wife, Jackie of Barstow, Jeff Nelson and his wife, Terri of Hesperia, and Tina (Bossolono) Williams and her husband, Richard of Crescent City; her sister, Lanie Lee of Oakdale; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and many, many friends.

Donna's final wish was to be cremated and her ashes spread over the ocean at Klamath Cove in Crescent City. Tina along with her family will carry out this request.

Please join her family in a Celebration of Life Ceremony on Jan. 11, 2009 at 1 p.m. at Rosita's, 540 W. Main St. For more information please contact Jamie Nelson 760-617-0499.

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