

Colleen Rae Matthews

May 9, 1939 ~ September 8, 2020

Colleen Rae Matthews was born May 9th 1939, in Aberdeen South Dakota to Everett and LaRhea Shearn. Raised in Compton California by her stepfather Max and Mother LaRhea Brown.

Graduated from Compton high school and attended Compton Community college.

Married to Max Vallejo in 1958, (later divorced), together they had three Daughters: Sheri Vallejo, Vicki Matthews and Karen Ballew. Colleen later Married Casey Matthews in 1979, and gained 4 more children: Leslie Nuckles, Kevin, Kim, and Brian Matthews.

Colleen loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved her cat “Baby”, retail therapy and of course, pepper on EVERYTHING!! She was quick witted and direct. When she loved you, it was unconditional, but she didn’t put up with anyone’s crap.

Colleen was one of the hardest workers you could ever meet, working two jobs at 81 years old. Her co-workers at Mancini Marketing and Macy’s department store were like family to her and she loved them dearly.

The last few years have not been easy on our mother as her health began to cause her challenges, but she kept going each day refusing to give up.

Colleen is survived by her daughters Sheri Vallejo, Vicki (Kevin) Matthews, Karen Ballew, step-children: Leslie (Dennis) Nuckles, Kevin Matthews, Brian (Linda) Matthews, Kim Matthews (Deceased). Her sister Judy (Paul) Bauman, sister-in-law Wynette (Tom) Shearn. Survived by 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Everett Shearn, Max and LaRhea Brown, Brother Tommy Shearn, and step-daughter Kim Matthews.

Our family would like to extend our gratitude to all those that loved and watched over our mother these last few years. The compassion so many extended to her was a kindness we can never repay.

Special thanks to her hospice nurse Heidi and her aide Claudia these last few months. We don’t know what we would have done without your guidance, support and loving care of our Mother.

Rest in peace mom – “love you more”.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at the Provo City Cemetery beginning at 1:30 PM. For a full obituary and to share condolences with the family, please visit www.larkincares.com.