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stylish fashion; accessorizing beautifully. Her daughter recalls getting into trouble at school and Juanita had to come in to meet with the principal. All of her schoolmates commented on how beautiful her mom was and the coach made every effort to get to meet her. Juanita's physical beauty was equally matched by her loving and caring manner. She was always accepting of others. Juanita often shared her "words of wisdom," short phrases of inspiration, with those whom she felt would benefit. And despite her quiet confidence and strong presence, Juanita would always take a "backseat" to ensure that others remained in the limelight. The Funny Lady When asked, "What about Juanita made you laugh?" her family was quick to respond: "What didn't she do to make you laugh?" Juanita was all about making people happy, and her sense of humor played a big role in this. Her niece remembers how Juanita would often make funny faces such as an evil winking eye or a crooked smile. On one Halloween occasion, the young niece and her friends were preparing for an evening of haunting games, when rattling chains sounded and ghosts appeared in the window, travelling up the back porch. Screaming and running for shelter, the young girls were greeted by a less than frightening apparition as Juanita revealed herself from behind a cloaked sheet... a flowery-printed one at that! This act was typical of Juanita's practical jokes and sense of humor. Moving On Following her divorce, Juanita took on several jobs in order to care for her girls; she worked hard in order to provide adequately for her family. She worked in bookkeeping, as a waitress, and as a doorperson at a local nightclub. Later on, her work on crafting jewelry illustrated an exceptional talent. Juanita would be shipped parts and pieces for a company called Erin's Earrings and she would spend hours sitting at the table designing and assembly items. Outside of work, Juanita's interests included a wide variety of music such as the Gaithers, Motown, Bob Seger, and Elvis Presley. The "Grandbabies" Juanita did not have the fortune of grandchildren, but found love and companionship in her later years through her pets. Animals always played a valuable role in her life. Mandy was Juanita's first dog, and her children credit Mandy for saving their mother's life. Mandy's pacing and anxiety troubled Juanita one day to such a point that she moved to take the dog outside. It was in the fresh air that she realized the house smelled of gas. Apparently the gas from the fireplace had been



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running and Mandy's actions kept Juanita from lighting a cigarette in the fume-filled home. Other significant furry companions included Maxi, Sophie and Mimi. However, it was Snowball who formed the greatest bond with Juanita. Her family recalls how Snowball would not leave Juanita's side when she was in the hospice and would often lay on her feet to keep them warm. The American Husky was always by her side and when the family would bring her close to Juanita, she would caress the dog with a loving acknowledgement: "My Snowball." A Legacy Juanita passed away on July 3, 2012, leaving her family and friends with a legacy of love and humility. Despite her beauty and confidence, Juanita always showed love and put others first. She instilled in her family members a willingness to stand up for themselves and to be strong. She left her family with the valued phrase: "You can be one of yourself, but you can't be "too" of yourself – it's okay to be smart, but don't be "too" smart; it's okay to be beautiful, but don't be "too" beautiful." This sense of strength coupled with humility was modeled by Juanita throughout her life. Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Maybell Ake, and 3 brothers, Homer Lee Ake, Jr., Samuel Ake, and Jerry Ake. She is survived by her loving daughters, Leslie (Troy) Randolph and Anita Dixon; four brothers, Billy Jack Ake, Johnny Ake, Paul (Tina) Ake, and Pat Ake; 3 nephews and 6 nieces.



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Juanita was a very special person, a one of a kind person. She will be remembered by her big heart, her sassy ways and her smile. As she goes on to her next adventure you can bet she will touch everyone up there and keep an eye on those she left behind. Pra Tanya and Doug Jones

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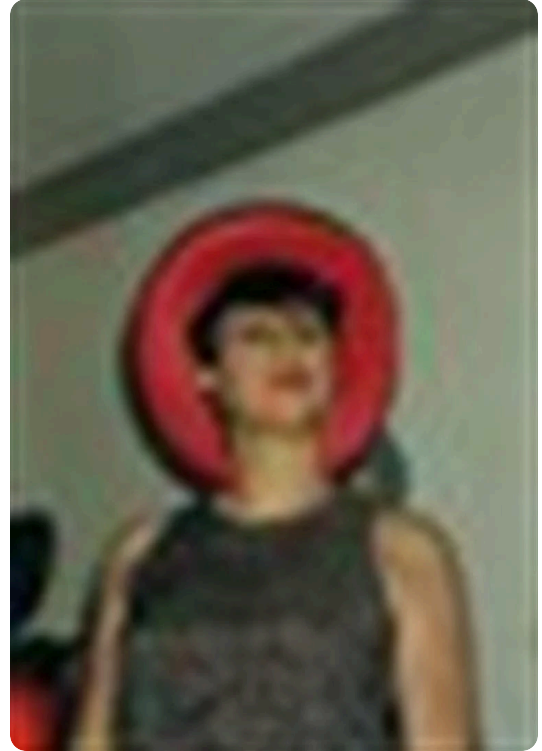
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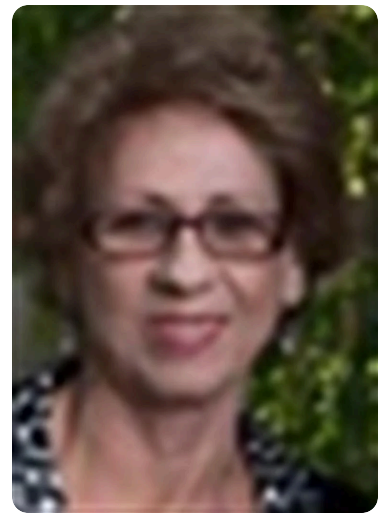




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