



Della C Pilkington

June 19, 1936 - December 30, 2023

Della Claudine was born in June of 1936, in Fort Worth, Texas to Delma and Alden Nowland and big sister, Frankie. She had four cherished children Pam, Jerry, Janiece, and Janette.

Della had a passion for music and was a gifted singer. She was a member of the band called The Bud Poindexter 4, and she traveled and performed with them until her retirement in Tucson, Arizona. Dellas beautiful voice touched the hearts of many.

After the kids were grown, she moved to Bakersfield, California where her mother and stepfather, Maurice Walker lived. While working at a cocktail lounge, she met Bill Pilkington, a saxophonist who became the love of her life.

Del and Bill married in 1982, and she gained two sons, Joe and John. They partnered in several business ventures. From brokering oil to real estate and property management, they worked for decades side by side. They embarked on many adventures together. They enjoyed riding his motorcycle and traveling in their RV to the coast. They also loved hosting summer barbeques in their beautiful backyard with friends and family.

In addition to her musical talents, Della had a variety of hobbies. She had a green thumb and loved to garden. She was a skilled canner and an amazing

cook, delighting her family and friends with her delicious creations. Della also had a talent for sewing and embroidery, creating many beautiful and intricate pieces and sharing them with her family.

Della is survived by her sister Frankie, four children, Janiece (Dave), Jerry (Irene), Janette (Wayne), and Joe and his wife Tori, her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and special friend Shelly, whom they rescued 11 years ago. She was predeceased by her love, Bill, her parents, her eldest daughter Pam and stepson John.

Della was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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