



Donna Dae Mestre

December 13, 1934 - December 21, 2016

Donna Smallwood Mestre, age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at her home in Brea, California. She was born December 13, 1934, in Engle Switch, WV, to Edmund and Reta (Painter) Smallwood. She was a graduate of Charles Town High School. She married a handsome Navy man, Joe Mestre, on June 16, 1956, in her hometown of Charles Town, WV. Their honeymoon was spent traveling cross-country to California. Donna spent 60 years working and making her home in Brea, California. While she worked at a variety of jobs during her lifetime, much of her time was spent in the field of education, where she thoroughly enjoyed working with and interacting with children. While she loved working, her true happiness began when she became “Grammy” to her two beloved granddaughters, Danielle and Gabrielle. Her parents, her husband, Joe, and her brother, Danny Smallwood, predecease her. She is survived by her two daughters, D. Michelle Mestre and Angela Platon; granddaughters Danielle Abshier and Gabrielle Platon; sisters Betty Ann (Merle) Brown and Kandy (Bill) Glaize; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family, friends, and others whose lives Donna touched are invited to celebrate her life on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 2:30 pm in the Williamsburg Chapel, at Memory Gardens Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea. Her interment will immediately follow the services at Loma Vista Memorial Park & Mortuary in Fullerton.