



Vanessa Nelson

April 21, 1937 - October 4, 2016

Vanessa Nelson , 80, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully at UPMC Seneca Place on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016. She was born Thursday, April 21, 1936 in the Hill district of Pittsburgh to George and Pearl Dobson, as one of six children. She was a faithful and active member of the Frick Elementary School PTA, where her three children attended school. Vanessa enjoyed singing in her school choir and was passionate about music throughout her life. She had a particular love for the music of Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin and Diana Ross and would often go dancing at the Cabaret with her friends. Vanessa was avid traveler and enjoyed visiting new destinations each year. She often took annual trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas, her two favorite destinations. Vanessa retired from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008, after 20 years of service as a food service worker. Christmas was a special time for Vanessa and her favorite holiday of the year. She loved gathering with family and friends over a home-cooked holiday dinner and giving gifts to her grandchildren.

Vanessa is survived by her husband Horace and three children: daughter Lelaine Nelson, her son Eric Nelson and wife Patricia and her son Karl Nelson and wife Renee. Vanessa also leaves behind four grandchildren, Brittany Smalls, Brandon Nelson, Justin Nelson and Brionna Nelson. Vanessa leaves behind three siblings, Raymond, Cordell, Minerva. She was preceded in death by 2 siblings, Betty Mollette and Arleigh Dobson. She will be truly missed by her family and friends.

The repast will be held on Friday, October 7th at 2pm and the home of Karl and Renee Nelson, located at 270 McKenzie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA15235.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
4522 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Tribute Wall



“ *Vanessa Nelson*

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