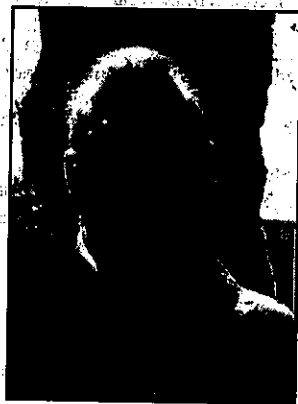


**Record DUANE EARL JOHNSON 6-5-2014**

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Duane is preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, LeAnn.

Left to honor Duane's memory are his loving wife, Patricia; his sons, William Johnson and Joshua Johnson; two brothers, Randy and Keith Johnson of California; and one sister, Rae Stallings of California. He also leaves behind a lady he always referred to as mom, Carolyn Woods, and her two daughters, Christy Kaisand and Missy Eilander.

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