



*Joan*  
THOMAS COURTNEY

SEPTEMBER 22, 1959 — JULY 6, 2024

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 A.M.

Funeral Service: 11:00 A.M.

Giddens Family Life Center

2610 N Martin Luther King Blvd.

North Las Vegas, NV 89032



# The Life Story of

## *Joan* THOMAS COURTNEY

Joan Marie Thomas Courtney was born September 22, 1959 to Cherrie

and Kenneth Thomas. Joan attended Las Vegas elementary and middle schools then graduating from Valley High School in 1977. After leaving high school Joan was accepted into and attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was a member of the Lady Rebels basketball team. Joan went on to complete her Associate's degree from the Community College of Southern Nevada.

After leaving school she met and married Perry Eppenger and from that union came one son, Perry Eppenger Jr.

Joan divorced Perry and concentrated on raising her young son. Years later she met and married Bobby Courtney from that union she gave birth to Nahki Courtney. Joan and Bobby were married over 27 years.

For those of you who knew Joan you know she worked hard her entire life, starting at the age of 13 in her middle school cafeteria. She worked as a sous chef on the strip, a correctional officer for Nevada prisons, and a bus driver for Clark County School District. In 2019, she finally retired. No matter where she worked or how hard she worked FAMILY was always first. She would always say that her greatest life's work was being a mother.

We know now she is finally getting the rest she deserves.

Joan was preceded in death by her mother Cherrie Hopkins and step father Ghoul Hopkins Jr.

Joan is survived by husband Bobby Courtney, sons Perry Eppenger Jr and Nahki Courtney, 1 sister Ann Johnson, 3 brothers Tony Hopkins(Carla),Howard Hopkins(Ivory) and Craig Hopkins.

She also leaves behind 5 nieces, 2 nephews and many cousins.

Because we all know Joan never met a stranger she couldn't and wouldn't talk to there are too many friends past and present to name.

A special acknowledgment to Sonnie and Essie Cleveland who loved and supported Joan for the last 35 plus years.



Order of Service  
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Opening Song.....Hezekiah Walker-God Favored Me

Prayer.....Ministerial Staff

Scripture Reading.....Carla Hopkins

Old Testament Psalms 23:1-6

New Testament 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Expressions (2 minute maximum time).....Family & Friends

Musical Selection.....Yolanda Adams-This too shall pass

Obituary ( To be Read Silently )

Acknowledgment.....Ann Johnson

Eulogy.....Ministerial Staff

Recessional.....Family & Friends







## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so , we saw it there. Perhaps you  
were not here at all , just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to  
console our hearts , we thank you so much, whatever the part.

-The Family of SJoan THomas

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