



## Mickey Jean LeGerrette

May 26, 1930 - February 5, 2014

Mickey Jean (Dodson) LeGerrette May 26, 1930 ~ Feb 5, 2014 Mickey Jean LeGerrette passed peacefully after a year-long battle with cancer. Her tenacious spirit coupled with the graciousness of God, gave her many extra months to be with her family as she fought valiantly, hoping for a cure. She was born at home on May 26, 1930 to Rubin and Katy (Kemper) Dodson in a tiny town near Mangum called Brinkman, Oklahoma. Both of her parents came from a long lineage of original founding settlers of America. (Dodsons and Kempers.) She made her mark in life through her quiet and wise spirit which was the example that preached integrity and honesty louder than words. Mickey came from very humble beginnings and even when life served abundance, she never took things for granted. Although she was a person of few words, when she did speak, people listened! Her patience as a mother and grandmother were examples that did not go unnoticed and many successful life lessons were learned from her. The biggest thought that will forever echo to us and guide us is the way she led her life; "Be true to yourself." A trailblazer for women as a professional musician, she was a singer and lead guitar player in a country-rock band. She led a life full of many adventures traveling with bandmates, Judy Bourassa-Andrews and Marilyn "Pepe" Adler as The Pepettes. They toured throughout the United States including Hawaii and Alaska, across Canada, and a special long tour of many countries in the Far East when they were hired to entertain the troops during the Vietnam War. A special memory for Mickey was being on one base in

Vietnam and having the opportunity to speak to her son Les who was stationed at another base, via a complicated radio set-up. Over their career the band opened for many headliner acts and shared the stage and live-radio time with celebrities including Buck Owens, Tom Jones, Wanda Jackson, Faron Young, Leftie Frizzel and many, many more. While in Nashville they recorded two records (four songs) written by Ray Griff, an accomplished songwriter who penned top songs for Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, and Jerry Lee Lewis among others. In the later years they recorded an album titled "Rimrock Country" which was a collection of cover songs under the name The Peptones. They were always a requested band in Edmonton, Alberta for Klondike Days and had played at popular Hotel Venues in Calgary, Alberta during The Calgary Stampede. They were the first all-girl trio to play the Las Vegas Strip, sealing a personal professional goal in Mickey's career after they were told that an all-girl group would never have their names on the marquees. With their determination sealed, it wasn't long before their name was listed on the marquee outside of major casinos in Las Vegas. They were known at the renowned Silver Slipper and Golden Nugget in Las Vegas and played similar venues in Reno. They eventually settled in Portland, OR in the early 1970's after many years on the road. When the band's namesake, Pepe, decided to move back to New York, they hired a male drummer and renamed the band The Peptones. They were very popular in the 70's and 80's on the Portland music scene. Over the course of her music career which began in San Diego, CA, Mickey performed with many very talented musicians. They included Jose LeGerrette, Helen Smith, Michael Grangroth, Lenny Maxson, Jamie Carter, Patty Gerald, Sandy Smith, and Doug Clark. Earlier in her career, her son Les performed in the band also. Mickey was "the best mother ever" and was revered by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will miss her immensely. She had a special knack for cuddling a fussy baby and rocking them to sleep when nothing else would calm them. The attention to the details of their lives created a special bond of trust and love. Grammie was a haven of peace. She is survived by her best friend and partner Freda

Gardner; children, Leslie Norton Jr (Erica) San Diego, CA; Cynthia McNichols San Diego, CA; and Jeri Fontyn Vancouver, WA; five grandchildren, Traci Fontyn (Cory Strawn); Cory Fontyn; Carla Fontyn; Sonya Norton; Michael Norton; and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a sister, Patty Rowe (Bill) and numerous nieces and nephews. Mickey was preceded in death by her parents; brother Ralph Dodson; and sisters Matilda Costa and Dorothy Prom. An older sister Peggy Dodson died in childhood as well as an infant brother David Dodson. A service is planned for Monday February 24, at 12:30 p.m. at The Evergreen Memorial Gardens 1101 N.E. 112th Ave, Vancouver, WA. Please sign Mickey's guest book at [www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com](http://www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com) and [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits)

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“ So sorry for your loss. What wonderful memories you have.

Jessie Jones - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I am saddened by the news of Mickey's passing. She was a wonderful person and a great musician. She gave so many people pleasure with her music. Prudi Harrison

Prudi Harrison - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Mickey for many nights of great Country Music at the ole Rimrock - always enjoyed listening and dancing to the Peptones!!

Arty Lange - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ The years I spent performing on stage with Mickey as a member of the "Peptones" are without exception, the best years of my entertainment career. At 18 years of age I had a lot of growing to do, both as an entertainer and a person. Thanks to Mickey, I did just that. My Heartfelt Condolences go out to her partner Freda and family members.

Jamie Carter - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Mickey, I will not forget your kindness and generosity. Memories of you singing on stage for Aunt Tillie,. Aunt Dorothy and me will always hold special place in my heart. Also when you and Freda cooked dinner for us and wouldn't let us help, only to enjoy eating delicious food. Freda I have never nor will forget all that Snoopy stuff !! Just like all the precious memories you hold in your heart of Aunt Mickey.Big HUGS for you. " Punkin" always to me you will be. My heart aches for you and all the kids. Junior and Cindy its been a long time but can still see you in my mind. You are in my heart,too. So many wonderful kid memories...I truely love you all !! Will hold you up in prayer and always hold you in my heart.

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**Donna Winsted** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Farewell Mickey. I will miss you. My Deepest condolences to your grieving and most loving family I can still hear you singing and guitar playing.Until we meet again, Ed

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**Edward Quintoa** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Filling the drum chair for Mickey & Judy after Peppy left for New York, around 1973, I worked with the Peptones 3 years at the club. I left the group to form my own group in 1976. Mickey was the greatest! We all got along splendidly. The intricate vocal arrangements Mickey & Judy worked out were well liked and successful. In addition to "comping" the music, Mickey played challenging and interesting lead lines, adding quality and excitement to the sound of the performances nightly. I always felt Mickey and Judy were my good friends, as well as, working partners in the joint venture of the Peptones. Mickey's passing is indeed a heart felt loss to her family and friends, as well as to country music... Goodbye old friend.

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**Leonard (Lenny) Maxson** - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a friend of Jeri Fontyn, I know her mother will be extensively missed by family and friends. Jeri has many wonderful memories.*

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**Sharon Schommer** - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thoughts & Prayers for you all.*

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**Melissa (Dodson) Newman** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM