



Carol Rae Jones

December 8, 1933 - June 12, 2008

Carol Rae Jones, 74, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away June 12, 2008. She was born in Wayne County, Illinois on December 8, 1933. She attended the Chicago Art Institute in the 1950s and later graduated from Butler University with a degree in Latin. Carol was a civil rights activist and mother of five children. Her activities included being a founding member of Indianapolis' first battered women's shelter named Women's Haven and later directing a shelter in Crawfordsville, IN. In the late 1970s she worked on various women's rights movement issues including the Equal Rights Amendment and fighting for equal pay for equal work and volunteered at the Human Rights Commission of Indianapolis. She worked with the Indianapolis Peace and Justice center from which evolved into Rights of Native Americans and eventually prisoner's rights, particularly as it pertained to the rights of Native Americans to practice their religion while incarcerated. Carol also was an original founding member of the Blues Society of Indianapolis, later to become the Blues Society of Indiana. She is survived by a sister, Alice Rutter of Zionsville; her children, Jeffrey Ragar of Greenwood, Evan Ragar of Zionsville, Tracy Hemenover of Indianapolis, Maryll Jones of Bloomington, and John Jones of Illinois. Also, two grandchildren, Thomas Phelps and Melissa King, both of Bloomington, IN; and one great-grandchild, Genesis King of Bloomington, IN. She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter F. and Ardella Rutter of Indianapolis. Services are private and entrusted to Shirley Brothers Mortuary. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be

made to Pine Ridge Indian Reservations, Oglala Lakota CASA, P.O. Box
5014, Pine Ridge, SD, 57770.