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LINDY HOP LEGEND NORMA MILLER “QUEEN OF SWING” DIES, AT AGE 99

FORT MYERS, FL- Sunday, May 5 2019. Today longtime manager and caretaker John Biffar announced that choreographer, actress, author, comedian and Lindy Hop legend Norma Miller, known as the “Queen of Swing,” died at her home in Fort Meyers, Florida at the Age of 99 surrounded by loved ones and friends.

“Norma overcame every obstacle with love. After twenty-five years in her company, at 99, she was still the coolest friend I ever had.”

Miller was born in Harlem, New York. Working by age 15 as a professional dancer. Norma was the last survivor of the original Whitey Lindy Hoppers from the Savoy Ballroom. Miller’s career spanned over seven decades. Norma expanded her knowledge of dance by attending “New Dance Group” and Bernice Johnson’s School of Dance to name a few. She was a producer, formed and directed two dance groups – the Norma Miller Dancers and Norma Miller and Her Jazzmen that included Frankie Manning’s son Chazz Young, her longtime dance partner Billy Ricker, Stoney Marteeni and Billy Dotson.

Choreographer, dancer, producer, educator Mickey Davidson said, “Norma was an elder with exceptional knowledge and life experiences. She generously shared her-self as she continued to create and perpetuated her life in entertainment. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from Norma. She did things her way. She is my role model for survival, strength and the excellence of a Black woman who was born in one generation and survived many others.”

Norma’s comedic career included a duo with Cab Calloway, entertaining troops in Vietnam along with other TV appearances with Redd Fox, Richard Prior, Moms Mabley and many others

As an actress, her credits include four (4) Broadway Shows, five (5) TV shows, seven (7) films and ten (10) documentaries. She has written songs, author of four (4) books one of which was co-authored with longtime friend Redd Fox.

“I feel Norma gave the world more of herself than anyone I knew,” said actor and longtime friend, Bill Cobbs.

Miller will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, NY, on May 24th with a viewing at Benta’s Funeral Home 10:30pm -1:00pm

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