



Carolina
Funeral Services
& Cremation Center

Serving
the
Community
with
Dignity,
Simplicity
&
Affordability

TRADITIONAL FUNERALS

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

CREMATION OPTIONS

PREARRANGED SERVICES

Independent
& Locally Owned

5505 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28212
Ph. (704) 568-0023
Fax (704) 568-0677

JEFFREY GRANT KOENIG

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW



SUITE 760

THE ADDISON

831 E. MOREHEAD ST.

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202-2725

(704) 335-5471



VINSON WASHBURN
REALTOR®

OFFICE

704.342.1000

HOME

704.364.6139

EMAIL

vwashburn@hotmail.com

DICKENS & ASSOCIATES MITCHENER

helping
YOU get
home

2330 RANDOLPH ROAD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28207

FAX: 704.342.1022

MOBILE: 704.451.4952

DIRECT: 704.602.4246



Widow's sex change may not invalidate her marriage

by Peg Byron
Special to Q-Notes

TOPEKA, KS — The Kansas Court of Appeals ruled that courts must consider a wide range of factors, and not focus solely on sex at birth when judging the legal gender of a person who has had a sex change operation. The ruling came May 11 as the court considered the validity of the marriage of J'Noel Gardiner, a transgender woman, to her husband, Marshall Gardiner, now deceased.

The ruling reverses a trial court decision that said Gardiner's marriage was invalid because she

This decision recognizes ...that some people's sex is not determined by their anatomy at birth.

was born a man. The appeals court gave a detailed review of the scientific literature about transgender biology and psychology and rejected what it called "a rigid and simplistic approach" to defining transgender people.

Said one activist, "This decision recognizes what transgender people have known for a long time — that some people's sex is not determined by their anatomy at birth. It is very encouraging to see this court focus on medical knowledge and the reality of people's lives rather than old-fashioned, narrow notions of what it is to be a man or a woman."

Though a woman for many years and joined in a legal marriage to a man, Gardiner's marriage was, in essence, voided after the fact, when her husband died and her husband's estranged son successfully challenged the marriage in a dispute over the estate. The trial court ruled that

See WIDOW on Page 12

GENESIS

In Loving Memory of
Miss Kitty

Thursday Nights
Drag Drama!!!
with
Kerri Nichols

Appearing In May

10	Lateese Chevron Tracy Stevens	17	Brittany Michaels Tina Terrell
24	Kiki Divine MissHoney	31	Amber Rochelle Versage

Freakin' Fridays Man
The Only Place Where Fridays is happening !!

\$2.00 House Drinks
\$2.00 Bud Lights

Saturday Nights
The Party Is HERE !!!

Music by Randall
Lights by Gene

607 West 5th Street • 704-358-0322