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Norma Levy

BIRTH 4 Jul 1947

Limerick, County Limerick, Ireland

DEATH 8 Oct 2007 (aged 60)

Toronto Municipality, Ontario, Canada

BURIAL Cremated
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Norma Levy was born Honora Mary Russell. In later life she would use the name Nora Russell but initially she changed her name to Mary Brown, worked as a bunny girl in Middlesbrough, then as a stripper in Manchester. She underwent two abortions, relocated to the West End of London where she worked as a stripper, a hostess, and a dancer before becoming a prostitute and dominatrix.

By the time she married Colin Levy on November 3, 1972, she was already an established woman of ill-repute. The following year she was at the centre of a sex scandal involving Lord Lambton. She claimed to have serviced many other wealthy and powerful men. It remains to be seen how many of her claims were true, but she was certainly earning big money.

In 1973, she published her autobiography.

After the scandal and divorcing her husband, she decided to make a new life in the United States, or rather her old life in the United States. In September 1978, it was reported she was being kicked out of the country. She had been working as a prostitute in Florida; she was also an illegal immigrant and had already been deported twice.

In 2001, she moved to Toronto where she would spend the rest of her life.

Lord Lambton died in December 2006, which led to the media focusing on her again, albeit in a small way, although one journalist conducted an extensive, in-depth interview with her. She was reported to have married at least twice more, to have served time for prostitution - that pastime being illegal in the US - and to have been deported no fewer than five times. Her assets were seized by the American Government, and with her youth behind her as well, she lived if not in poverty then in humble circumstances.

Norma Levy died from pancreatic cancer in a Toronto hospice.

She was cremated October 12, 2007. The service was attended only by her brother and sister who disposed of her ashes.

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