



Norma J. Godsey

December 5, 1930 - July 28, 2020

Norma J. Godsey, 89, of Bluffton passed away on Tuesday morning, July 28, 2020, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

Norma was born on December 5, 1930 in Wells County, Indiana to Kenneth & Ruth (Harter) Zimmerman. A lifelong resident of Wells County, Norma graduated in 1949 from Petroleum High School. She worked as a driver for the Wells County Council on Aging, provided home health care, worked at the G.C. Murphy Store as a head cashier, and at the Wells Community Hospital. Norma was a member of the Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church in Bluffton and recently attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church.

On June 3, 1950 in Wells County, Norma and Arthur Breedlove were married. He preceded her in death on December 23, 1977. On July 13, 1991 in Liberty Center, Ohio, Norma married Ernest "Ernie" Godsey and he preceded her in death on July 26, 2007.

Survivors include her children: Sharon (Jorge Howard) Binegar of Fort Wayne, David (Judy) Breedlove of Dickinson, TX, Richard (Scott Bradley) Breedlove of Fort Wayne, Tom (Faith Hilty) Breedlove of Bluffton, Joyce (Tim) Mayer of Vevay, and Janice (Donnie) Cunningham of Vevay, IN. and stepchildren: Judy (Vernon) Baker of Fort Wayne, Helen (Jeff) Gallant of Fort Wayne, IN. and a step daughter-in-law, Cathy Godsey of Fort Wayne.

Norma is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a brother, Rev. Paul (Marilyn) Zimmerman of Washington Court House, OH and a sister, Carol Carnes of Bluffton.

Norma is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a brother James Zimmerman and a step-son, Alan Godsey, two grandchildren: Phillip Erin Binegar and Kristina Thevenow, and one great-granddaughter, Savannah Thevenow.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday (August 1, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at the Alberson Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held from 3 to 7 P.M. on Friday (July 31, 2020) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Sonlight Wesleyan Church or World Gospel Mission.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Norma's service at the funeral home. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Alberson Cemetery

6950 W 900 S
Geneva, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

AUG 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma J. Godsey*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 01, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *Norma J. Godsey*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Breedlove family, So sorry I couldn't be there. Lots of fun memories and love shared with Norma going back to 1983. I'll visit her at Alberson. God bless. Valerie Wilson Jackson*

VALERIE WILSON JACKSON - August 01, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *Sharon & Family, You have our deepest sympathy in your loss of your mom. She has no more pain, no more sorrows, & no more tears. She has a new body. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia (Moser) Dunmoyer*

Celia Dunmoyer - July 31, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SE

“ I was saddened to read of Norma's passing. I first met Norma when she & my mother, Betty Cary lived in assisted living. Actually a little before when Norma would be crocheting near the lounge area. What beautiful things she made. Then in assisted living Norma befriended my mother. Then again in Health Care they continued their friendship. On my daily visits it was always a pleasure to stop and talk to Norma too. Such a wonderful person. All will miss her.
Sharon Espich

Sharon Espich - July 31, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Norma J. Godsey.



July 30, 2020 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ Linda S. purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Norma J. Godsey.



Linda S. - July 30, 2020 at 09:57 AM

KR

“ Norma was such a lovely person. She was so generous with her talent for knitting/crocheting, esp caps for people with cancer. She always had a smile. I'll miss her.

Kayleen Reusser - July 30, 2020 at 08:01 AM

TY

“ Trudy Young lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Godsey



Trudy Young - July 30, 2020 at 05:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma J. Godsey.



July 29, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Norma J. Godsey.*



July 29, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Godsey*



Jeannie Flowers - July 29, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Such a wonderful person that had a heart of gold, I would take time out from cooking at the nursing home just to sit down and talk to Norma she will be greatly missed.*



lesia wood - July 29, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Norma's family. Sorry for your loss. Norma was a very special and kind person. I was happy she and my grandfather, Ernie, were able to share this life together. We were blessed to have Norma and her family be a part of our family. Sending prayers and love to her family in this difficult time -
Randalla Egly*

Randalla Egly - July 29, 2020 at 06:56 PM