



Norma J. Smith

July 4, 1930 - April 17, 2020

Norma Jean Smith, 89, of Manteno, passed away, April 17, 2020 at Miller Rehabilitation

She was born July 4th, 1930 to William and Stella Statler in Manteno, Illinois.

She married Wayne Ervin Smith in Manteno on June 2, 1947. He preceded her in death on January 5, 2006.

Surviving are two sons: Wayne W [Karen] and Raymond R [Nyla] Smith, one sister: Sandy [Lyle] Dagan, six Grandchildren, Many Great Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Evelyn [Jerome] Knicklebine, Barbara [Glenn]Burger and two Brothers, William [Amollie] Statler and Clifford Statler [Inez Clay].

Norma was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Manteno where she loved singing in the church choir. She had a wonderful voice and was requested many times as a soloist at weddings and funerals. She was a faithful volunteer at the church, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and working in the kitchen as a cook and server.

Wayne and Norma owned and ran Murmuring Pines Resort in Chetek, Wisconsin for 20 years making countless friends who returned year after year for great fishing, friendship, and fun.

She loved playing games, crocheting, fishing and all kinds of puzzles.

There will be no visitation and burial will be private.

She will rejoin her husband of 57 years at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma J. Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *I can still remember how beautifully Norma sang in the choir, and how loving she was. Norma will be missed by all in the Hilsenhoff family.*



Kris Hilsenhoff - April 26, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of Norma going way back to primary choir at church and her teaching us little kids about the love of music and Jesus. It's hard losing someone so rooted to your earliest fundamentals. Also enjoyed many summer vacations with her and Wayne at their resort. One day I was reminiscing with her about a board game we played after choir practice for prizes. She had the game almost 30 years later and played it with my kids! And of course all those years of adult choir and her passion for singing. I'll never forget Norma, just like she never forgot her choir. Condolences to the family, even though she is one of the happiest campers in heaven. It's not hard at all to imagine it.*

Gina and Dale Blanchette - April 23, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Condolences from the George Reick family*

Francis Reick - April 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LG

“ *I will miss her beautiful voice.*
Linda Garrison



Linda Garrison - April 22, 2020 at 08:12 PM

TM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*
May the comfort of friends and family give you
comfort in these difficult times. God bless,
Tom & Sharon Martin.



Thomas Martin - April 22, 2020 at 06:30 PM

CD

“ *Chuck & Nancy Dixon lit a candle in memory*
of Norma J. Smith



Chuck & Nancy Dixon - April 22, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MC

“ *Sweet, sweet Norma - I will miss you. I enjoyed visiting with you on*
weekends. You always had a smile on your face and a beautiful
voice. Rest in peace, sweetheart. Sending your family hugs and
prayers.

Mary Clark - April 22, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JH

“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Smith*



Joelene Hays - April 21, 2020 at 01:06 PM

CM

“ *Deepest sympathy to Ray & Nyla and the family. It's hard to lose your Mom. Prayers for the family.*



Cathie (Bergan) Miedema

cathie (bergan) miedema - April 21, 2020 at 12:09 AM

GB

“ *I have so many fond memories of Norma. She is literally one of those people I had known all my life, having grown up with her as one of my first Sunday School teachers. She directed the children's choir, and how I enjoyed listening to her sing in choir. She was a sweet, lovely person. She loved to laugh, and she loved her family and the Lord. May God bless and comfort her family during this time. Enjoy singing in Heaven, Norma. I know you will.*

*Blessings and friendship,
Georgann Butterfield*

Georgann Butterfield - April 20, 2020 at 11:08 PM

MF

“ Made many trips to there resort in cheek
loved the Thursday cook outs love that place



Michael favors - April 20, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JL

Condolences to the family. Norma and Wayne were great friends of
ours. Remember all the years and great fun we had at the resort!
Jim,Dawn and Mary Lou LaMore family

Jim LaMore - April 23, 2020 at 04:44 PM

NS

Sending my condolences to the family.

Nancy Marr Shear - April 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM