



Norma F. Skidmore

September 25, 1937 - February 16, 2023

Norma DeWitt Skidmore passed away at Asbury Hospice House in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on February 16, 2023 at the age of 85. She was born in Niantic, Illinois on September 25, 1937. Norma married her husband Larry in 1956. God called them into the ministry in 1959, and they moved to California where they were blessed with three boys. In 1967, they came to Mississippi where they spent many years following God's leadership for their lives, and they were blessed with two more boys. Norma was an attentive wife, loving mother, and the central figure in the lives of her family. She was a nurturing woman who committed to raising her boys in a Christian home. She instilled strong values in her sons that have sustained them for life. Norma was actively involved in every aspect of her family's life whether it was helping out on the hog farm, working in the grocery store, or going to church. Her faith and her family molded her into the Godly woman she became. Norma delighted in her role as MeMe to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She established the same Godly principles in them as she did her children. Even with her large family, Norma always had time for others. She loved people and showing love was only one of her many traits. She was blessed with gifts of offering wisdom, encouragement, compassion, and kindness to everyone especially the ones closest to her. She joyfully carried the role of pastor's wife with a servant heart wherever she was and whoever she was around! Norma embodied a steadfast, strong spirit. Her faith in God was unwavering, her strength was powerful, and her character was exceptional.

Her life was a living testimony of Proverbs 31:25-31 "She is clothed with strength and dignity, she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise and she gives instruction with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband praises her. There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Norma is survived by her five sons, Mark (late wife Patti), Luke (Krista), John (Lajeana), Matthew (Erin), and James (Norma Jean), 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Skidmore, grandsons Joshua Skidmore and Mitchell Pierre, her parents George and Helen DeWitt, her brother Homer (Bud) DeWitt, and 2 daughters-in-law Deborah Skidmore and Patti Skidmore.

Pallbearers are Shawn Skidmore, Joseph Skidmore, Alex Skidmore, Dave Blakeney, Cody Martin, Shaun Padilla, Tony D'Angelo, Alex Dickerson, Justin Rawson, Anthony Holloman, and Phillip Scrimshire. Honorary pallbearers are Joshua Skidmore and Mitchell Pierre.

Services will be held on February 20th at Mill Creek Church of God at 11:00 with visitation from 10-11. Burial will take place at Shubuta Cemetery following the service. Bro. Ricky Carlisle and Bro. Trey Beck will be officiating.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Shubuta Cemetery

Shubuta, MS 39360

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mill Creek Church of God
2247 Mill Creek Rd
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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“ When I think about Norma and the life she lived, I'm reminded of her strong Christian faith. I never heard her complain about any difficulties in her life, but she was always quick to give God glory and praise for His goodness and faithfulness. I've never known anyone like her. It was as though she wore an invisible shield of armor, and when the arrows of negativity or trials tried to invade her armor, they simply bounced off. Rest in peace, Norma. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you and loved you.

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