



Norma Jean Ornsbey

November 11, 1946 - September 7, 2023

Norma Jean Ornsbey of Rolla, Missouri passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Presbyterian Manor in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 76. Norma was born in Doolittle, Missouri on November 11, 1946 to the late Steve and Roberta (Talbert) Mihlfeld.

After graduating from high school, Norma attended two years of vocational school. On June 11, 1966 Miss Norma Jean Mihlfeld married the love of her life, Mr. George E. Ornsbey. This union was blessed with two daughters.

George and Norma started their married life in O'Fallon, Missouri. In 1972, George took a job at the Switzer plant in Rolla giving them the opportunity to bring their family to Doolittle. Norma went to work for Beaufort Transportation as a dispatcher and worked until they closed. After hearing that they were going to open a Wal-Mart Distribution Center in St. James, Norma applied for a dispatcher position and was the first one hired in the transportation department. Norma really enjoyed her job and the drivers that she worked with.

Norma was very active in the Masonic Orders including True Kindred, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Amaranth. She shared her commitment and loyalty with her daughters, who are also very active in the organizations. Norma was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Newburg.

Moving back to the country gave her the opportunity to garden, and garden she did, she had a green thumb for sure growing both beautiful flowers and a big vegetable garden. From planning her garden in the spring, and waiting,

not so patiently, for the first tomato to ripen. When the garden started giving, Norma was ready, getting out the canning equipment she would need to assure that her family would have freshly canned vegetables to get them through the winter months. She also shared the bounty of her labor with family, friends and neighbors. Norma enjoyed getting together with family and friends. She loved to play games with family and friends during gatherings or at weekend dinners. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be lovingly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Norma Jean is survived by her daughters, Tina Woolsey and husband William C., of Newburg, MO, and Tara Ornsbey, of Rolla, MO; sisters, Roberta Brown, of TX, Rebecca Drennen, of St. Louis, MO, and Mary King, of St. James, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents Steve and Roberta Mihlfeld, Norma was preceded in death by her husband George in 2009; brothers, Robert, Roy John, and Everett Mihlfeld; sisters, Jane Danforth, and Wanda Smith.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Ron Smith officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Olive Cemetery where Norma will be laid to rest next to her beloved George. Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Smith, Doug, Smith, Larry Murphy, David Pilotte, Will Woolsey, and Billy Dean Birdsong. Visitation will be held at the Chapel on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 2-4PM with a Masonic service at 4PM. Online condolences may be left at www.jamesgahrmortuary.com Memorials are suggested to the Spirit Conclave/ Order of the True Kindred. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

Doolittle, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Masonic Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Ornsbey.* ”



September 08, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Ornsbey.* ”



September 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM