



Norma Jean Smith

April 6, 1931 - December 2, 2023

Norma Jean (Wilson) Smith, age 92, passed away peacefully with family at her side on December 2, 2023.

She was born April 6, 1931 in Amsterdam, Ohio to Scott and Lillian Wilson.

The second of four children, Norma lived a long life in and for the community of Amsterdam.

Norma married George M. Smith on November 11, 1950. They raised five children and were active participants in all their children's activities from birth through school and beyond. Norma graduated from the College of Steubenville with a degree in Elementary Education in 1969. She taught fifth grade at Amsterdam Elementary and John Gregg Elementary, retiring in 1987. Her passion for reading, teaching, and helping others never wavered. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma and numerous education volunteering projects. Norma was a founding board member of the Amsterdam Lending Library and volunteer for the summer reading program.

Norma was a lifelong member of Amsterdam United Methodist Church. She was active in nearly every organized part of the congregation and she organized nearly every active part at some point - from church committees to UMW and choir. She served on the WEBA Food Pantry board and

volunteered for many years. She was a member and officer of the Order of Eastern Star, Senior Women's Club, and Jolly Mixers.

Norma and George loved to travel, whether it be to visit family and friends or to explore across Europe; but even on her favorite trip to Alaska, she never found anywhere else that could have been her home.

An excellent seamstress, Norma sewed many of her children's clothes and created wonderful costumes for her children and grandchildren. She baked for family, friends, and the community; her pies, pecan rolls, and fudge were famous. She loved to watch the Indians, the Buckeyes, and the many successes of the people she raised, helped, and taught over her lifetime.

She is survived by her children George (Skip) Smith (Karen), Hilliard OH; Elizabeth Burlison (Polk), Maple Grove MN; Tracy Balen (Alan), Bay City MI; Camille Gilbert (Adam) Gahanna OH; daughter-in-law, Janet Smith; 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, George, of 57 years, her parents, her brother, Jack Wilson, 2 sisters, Jeannette Connelly and Ruth Owen, and her son, Scott M. Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at Dodds Funeral Home in Amsterdam with interment following at Fort Steuben Burial Estates. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 5, from 4-6 PM at the funeral home.

The family is grateful to the staff of Harmony Trace in Hilliard for their care and concern over the past 2 1/2 years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the WEBA Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Steuben Burial Estates

Canton Road
Wintersville, OH 43953

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home -Amsterdam
207 S Main Street
Amsterdam, OH 43903
(740) 543-3555
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM

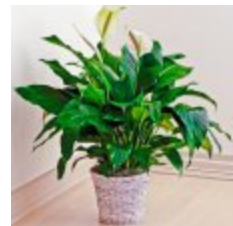


“ *We are grateful that we met Norma Jean at gatherings at Adam and Camille’s home and that we could share in her happiness during Grant and Natalie’s wedding. Her memorable smile and calm countenance conveyed faith and love. She was kind and welcoming. A joy to remember. We can easily imagine her spiritual welcome home being “Well done, my good and faithful servant “.*
♥♥ *Stephen, Kathy and Grace*

Kathy Bunge - December 05, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 05, 2023 at 10:53 AM

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“ Willa A Hellyer lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Smith



willa a hellyer - December 05, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.



December 05, 2023 at 09:13 AM

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“ Camille. So sorry to hear of your mother's passing..Found memories of her as a teacher and neighbor in allensworth addition..keep her memories in your heart.. rest in peace norma.



Diana Ciacci (Gregor) - December 05, 2023 at 07:16 AM

KM

“ Kendra McNatt lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Smith



Kendra McNatt - December 04, 2023 at 07:31 PM

KM

Let your light shine

Kendra McNatt - December 04, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 04, 2023 at 05:27 PM

LC

“ *LeAnn Gibbons Secretary Unionport Chapte lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Smith*



LeAnn Gibbons Secretary Unionport Chapte - December 04, 2023 at 02:30 PM

JC

“ *JoAnn Carlton purchased the Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



JoAnn Carlton - December 04, 2023 at 01:49 PM

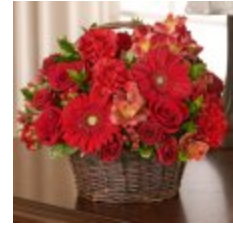
JC

“ *JoAnn Carlton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Smith.*

JoAnn Carlton - December 04, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 04, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Fred And Rose Sponhaltz lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Smith*



Fred and Rose Sponhaltz - December 04, 2023 at 06:03 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 03, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 03, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 03, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Smith.*



December 03, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Norma was a wonderful person and always a delight to be around. She will be greatly missed by all. I am glad we got to know her.*

David M Uebel - December 03, 2023 at 05:59 PM