



## Norma Jean Ward

July 10, 1927 - September 1, 2016

Norma Jean Ward passed into eternal rest on September 1, 2016 in Jackson County Memorial Hospital Altus, OK. She was born on July 10, 1927 in Lawton, Oklahoma to George W. Liner and Emma (Whitehead) Liner. Norma married Johnnie J. Boyle with whom she bore one son, Johnny Jerry Boyle. Norma was a Gold Star Widow, having lost her husband while serving the United States Army Air Corps. Norma married Edward Junior Ward on June 9th 1945. Two children were to follow Stephen Edward and Victoria Lynn.

She starting raising her family and being a fun loving wife and mother in Lawton, Oklahoma and moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma in 1956. Remaining until after Vicki graduated from high school and had started college. Norma and Ed then moved to Tulsa, OK to start a new portion of their lives.

Norma loved to paint, cook, sew, make jewelry, crochet always staying busy. All kinds of artistic talent rolled up in one ball. After moving to Mangum she became active in The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mangum where she loved to lead the singing until it's closing in 2015. Until she was physically unable to get out alone, she helped the local election board, was active in the Genealogy Society, ESA, Professional Women of Mangum, Women's Local Flower Club, and in the beginning of Artist Alley Mangum helped with its promotional events. She loved, smiled, laughed and joked her way into many people's hearts.

Norma was preceded in death by both parents, her step-father Gilbert Burkhalter, husbands Johnny J. Boyle and Edward Junior Ward, sons Jerry Boyle and Steve Ward. Surviving relatives are daughter Vicki Brooks and husband David of Sayre OK, Grandchildren Richard Boyle and Wife Veronica of San Antonio, TX, Kiley Boyle of Manasses, VA, Kristina Brooks and husband Ryan Tuschhoff of Oklahoma City, OK, Leah Boham and husband Bart of Alva, OK and Stephen Brooks and wife Jennifer of Bethany, OK. Seven beautiful great-grandchildren she adored Gavin and Owen Boyle, Kyler and Kinley Boham, Alyssa and Kenton Brooks and Andromeda (Andi) Tuschhoff. May her loving spirit be with them always.

She had a long and full life and even though her family feel she is gone too soon, they know she is in a better place where the restraints of her earthly body are gone.

Memorial Services  
for  
Norma Jean Ward

Tuesday September 6, 2016

3:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
Sayre, Oklahoma

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of Norma's passing. She was one of my favorite people in Mangum. Vicki, David, Kristi, Leah, and Steven, I pray you find peace and comfort in knowing how much Norma loved you all.

**Sharon Wilson** - September 11, 2016 at 03:02 PM

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“ Enjoyed visiting with Norma and we sometimes talked about her art and my mothers art paintings.

Junette Logan

**Junette Logan** - September 07, 2016 at 09:11 AM

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“ To Norma's family:

We met Norma Ward in 2009 when we joined the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Mangum, OK. She was the song leader!!!! Not only did she lead, she could hit those high notes too!!! Eventually, I became her accompanist and then my sister joined in on the piano and/or organ so we had a three-way music ensemble. Since Norma lived across from my sister, Bonnie Smith, we began picking her up on Sundays because we enjoyed her company and it helped her to not have to struggle in winter months getting her car warmed up. We did this for 6 years..... until the church closed in 2015. This last year we have missed our old congregation and Norma's wit and humor on Sundays. We especially miss the wonderful music and old hymns.

Norma was a talented lady in everything she decided to do. She could do tremendous paintings, sew anything on a machine, make all kinds of crafts, design or implement whatever was needed for Sunday School or an event and sing!!!! She was a walking fashion plate most Sundays; artistic was her middle name!!!

A youth group from Texas put a ramp on Norma's back door this summer making it easier for her to get out of the house. She was battling fatigue and pneumonia, so we didn't see her out much but we talked by phone.

We will miss her and we are so glad we had the 6 years together. She will never be forgotten by our family.

May God watch over you and give you peace.

C.W. and Joy Grant and Bonnie Smith

