



Norma Doty

March 7, 1942 - December 13, 2022

Norma Doty, 80, Eskridge, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Norma was born in Eskridge on March 7, 1942, the daughter of Elden and Betty Kitt Guilfoil. She graduated from Eskridge Rural High School with the Class of 1959. Norma married Dwayne Doty on January 18, 1959. She retired from the Kansas Judicial Branch in 2002. Norma was Clerk of the District Court in Wabaunsee County from 1975 to 1980, and Chief Clerk of the 2nd Judicial District from 1980 to 2002. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Eskridge.

Norma was a wonderful mother and grandma. She loved her family deeply. One of the greatest joys in her life was her grandson and her great-grandchildren. Norma and Dwayne enjoyed attending their sporting events, school activities and dance recitals. After retirement, they provided day care for their great-grandchildren until they went to school. Norma cherished every minute of that time. She was very passionate about early childhood education and enjoyed volunteering at the elementary school in her community and listening to children read. Norma was an excellent cook and seamstress. She made most of her daughters clothing while they were children. Norma also enjoyed cake decorating and genealogy. She was an accomplished pianist and was the substitute organist at her church for many years and gave piano

lessons. Norma played piano in a honky tonk band that performed at Liederkranz in the early 1960's in Alma, Kansas.

Norma is survived by her children, Deb Rasser (Tom) and Cindy Lowe; grandson, Corey Lowe (Meagan); great-grandchildren, Ashton and Haiden Lowe; siblings, Richard Guilfoil (Cookie) and Judy Say; and niece, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother-in-law, Rod Say, and a nephew.

Norma's services will be private, but she will be interred in Eskridge Cemetery next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Eskridge Park Foundation, P.O. Box 156, Eskridge KS 66423. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Doty*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Cindy, I am so sorry.*

Norma's picture is as beautiful as I remember her.

I know that I have told you that Norma was known as "the traffic queen" in the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) because she knew the ins and outs of traffic cases like no other. Although OJA was filled with statute books and attorneys, we always looked to Norma to tell us how things worked "in the real world." She presided over the re-write of the traffic section of the statewide clerks' manual, which was a tremendous amount of work. Her expertise was not limited to traffic cases and she was often relied upon for advice in other areas.

Mostly I remember the beautiful, funny, sweet, impeccably groomed and dressed woman that I looked forward to seeing at conferences and meetings. She was one of a kind and you are very much like her.

Kathy Porter - December 21, 2022 at 01:54 PM

DR

“ *Deb, Cindy and Corey- I am very sorry for your loss. Norma was a sweet, sweet lady who brightened up anyplace she was.*

She always smiled and tolerated a motley crew of us when we were in high school that would show up uninvited and then hang around Doty's house on Saturday nights.

While she was Clerk of the Court I would often make the drive to Alma to file documents that I could have mailed, just so I could say Hi to Norma at the courthouse. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Dan Riley

Dan Riley - December 21, 2022 at 01:49 PM

PF

“ *After Dwayne 's brain attack during 4 years i send mail, and some phone call with Norma. We came from France in 2008 to meet them and family. Norma and Dwayne was like my aunt and uncle.*

After Dwayne 's death it was different. I tried to stay in touch. But life and Norma had problem with her computer.

Norma and Dwayne will stay in my heart for ever



Philip Loup from France - December 18, 2022 at 12:08 PM

CR

“ Norma was always so kind and sweet, I have so many fond memories of her. Playing summer ball, with Dwayne as our coach, she was always there cheering us on, having cake and ice cream for us at the end of the season and even joining in on some of the ghost stories Dwayne would tell us on the spooky rides home from the away games. I feel so blessed to have known Norma, she was a beautiful person. We send our love, thoughts and prayers to the family.

Cindy & Pat Rutledge - December 18, 2022 at 10:40 AM

HO

“ Norma was an exceptional person with a huge heart and the intellect to be successful in all she did. I worked with Norma and was fortunate to have her daughter Cindy work for me. I believe the adage that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. That is certainly true for both Cindy and her mom, Norma. I have so many fond memories of Norma playing at our State Court Clerks Conferences. you are in our thoughts, Cindy.

Howard and Elaine Schwartz

Howard - December 18, 2022 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ Norma always had a sweet smile whenever I would see her. I enjoyed our conversations very much. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

kitty craver - December 17, 2022 at 08:34 PM

RS

“ Norma was an awesome person. She worked with my husband Verle Swenson when he was the judge. She was right by my side when he passed away. I will never forget what comfort she was to me. Rita Swenson

Rita Swenson - December 17, 2022 at 07:22 PM

KH

“ Debbie, Cindy Dick, Cookie and the rest of the family I am so sorry to hear about Norma. She was a wonderful person.

Ken W Hillebert - December 17, 2022 at 03:40 PM

GB

“ I'm saddened to hear of Norma's passing. She and Dwayne were both shining lights in Eskridge. She'll be missed. Godspeed, Norma!

George Bowers - December 17, 2022 at 01:30 PM

KH

“ Norma was such a wonderful person. I greatly enjoyed every conversation I had with her and with Dwayne at the post office in Eskridge. Our sincere sympathies to all her family. Another sad loss for our community.

Keith & Jody Hiegert - December 17, 2022 at 11:25 AM

PR

“ What a great lady.

Pat Rutledge - December 17, 2022 at 08:30 AM

LS

“ *She was always a sweet and gracious lady. I remember being at her house as a young child and playing with the girls. I know she will be missed. Your family is in our prayers.*

Linda Steele - December 17, 2022 at 08:25 AM

LS

“ *I worked with Norma at the District Court and have many wonderful memories of her. She treated me like a daughter, she showed me different ways to fix my hair, shared her wisdom of life with me and her faith and even took me to Branson, introducing me to one of her favorite shows, The Presley's. She also sold my son an old riding lawn mower so he could start his lawn mowing business. I'm very sorry to of her passing. She was a very kind and loving person and my life was blessed in knowing her.*

Lori Sommer - December 17, 2022 at 06:16 AM

BM

“ *Norma played for me as I sang at various funerals in Eskridge. She was an excellent organist and lovely person.*

Bonnie May - December 16, 2022 at 09:07 PM

NB

“ *Corey and family, I was saddened to see the passing of your Grandmother. Norma was a beautiful person and will be missed by you all. Rejoice in the special memories of a special lady.*



Nancy Bohn - December 16, 2022 at 08:38 PM

CS

“ Norma was a life long friend. Great memories growing up and attending Eskridge schools. Then having families and all the kids playing together at the Doty Deamon ballgames. Norma attended the ladies group at the. Methodist Church and played the organ at many weddings and funerals . I visited her several times in recent years and she always had that sweet smile. A special friend is now at peace.

Carol Shumate - December 16, 2022 at 07:36 PM