



Norma J. Power

January 1, 1753 - August 2, 2007

Norma Jean Power, 80, Topeka, passed away Wed., July 25, 2007 at McCrite Plaza Retirement Center. She was cremated. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Fri. at 10 a.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church with inurnment following at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and/or Heart of America Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home. Norma was born Dec. 24, 1926, the daughter of Leo and Bregetta Oehl Donant. She graduated from Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio where she met her husband, the love of her life, Dallas Power. They were married Oct. 26, 1946 at St. Marys Catholic Church in Massillon. Always his biggest fan, when Dallas played football and ran for a touchdown, Norma ran with him on the sideline. Dallas worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber and they moved to many areas of the country before arriving in Topeka in Sept. of 1964. Norma enjoyed golf, bingo, playing the piano and made many enduring friendships through her bridge clubs. She held offices of president, vice-president and treasurer of the Civic Newcomers Club. Norma was the perfect one to call on people new to Topeka and offer a warm welcome. Her memberships included the Williams Fund at the University of Kansas, the former Westview and Cedar Crest Country Clubs, Shawnee Country Club and was a board member for the Topeka Jayhawk Club. Norma loved sports, the Chiefs, Len Dawson and ice skating. When she smiled her eyes sparkled and the room lit up. She disliked hot weather and found herself transplanted to Kansas which she bore with wonderful grace. Her yard was as manicured as she was and her rose garden was lavished with care. Norma was always a lady. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dallas, and a granddaughter, Kylee Jo Donnelly. Norma leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Linda Donnelly and her husband, John, and Lori Harris and her husband, Randy, of Topeka; grandchildren, Michael, Angela, Ashley and Sean; great-grandchildren Elizabeth Michele, Dallas, Noah and Ethan; two nephews, four nieces and eight cousins. We are deeply grateful to the many wonderful caretakers at McCrite, Heart of America Hospice and special thanks to Barry, Joyce, Rose and Tammy. You cared for our mother as though she were your own. You are forever in our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma J. Power*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MD

“ *G-Ma*

It has taken me a while to be able to do this but I miss you so much and it has been very hard for me to write to you. Now that you are back with G-Pa I understand that you are not hurting anymore like you were. Just like I told G-Pa and I told you and I hope you heard it I will always be there for your Girls. I love you so much and hope you are doing all of the things you would like to do now. Love you and miss you both.

Your Mikey

Mike Donnelly - August 23, 2007 at 06:30 PM

MF

“ *Lori and Family; You and your Family have our deepest sympathy with the loss of your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ted, Brenda and Josh*

Miller and Bailey Family's - August 04, 2007 at 02:18 PM

RS

“ *To the Power Family, my thoughts and prayers go out for you all and my deepest sympathy. I've gotten to know your family through caring for them and you all hold a special place in my heart. Norma brought a special strength into a room and brought so many memories. She will be missed, but I know how she also wanted to be with Dallas.*

Rose Steenhoven - July 30, 2007 at 08:33 PM

CB

“ Dear Linda, Lori, and family, I loved your Mom/Grandma. She was always very kind to me. I am so glad I had the opportunity to spend time with her these last several years; especially in the RCIA class at MPH in 2004/2005. She made me feel like part of your family too. She loved Dallas so much and now they are together again in Heaven. I know you miss your Mom/G'ma and Dad/G'pa but you have lots of memories of times spent together to sustain you. They are both in the loving hands of our Lord and that is such a comfort. If you need anything I'm only a phone call away. Love to all of you, Cheryl and Joe B

Cheryl & Joe Burkhart - July 30, 2007 at 07:45 PM

LS

“ To my dear cuz and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You know I would be there if at all possible. Norma Jean was a very special person and I will always remember all the great times we had when you visited Massillon. I truly miss you and your family. If you need anyone to talk to, you know I'm only a phone call away. I love you, cuz,
Linda

LINDA SCHARVER - July 30, 2007 at 05:30 PM

DM

“ I want to send greetings from TIGERTOWN. My parents & your parents were very close friends (Davey & Maggie Miller) My dad was in your parents wedding & i believe your dad was in my parents wedding. I have some pictures of your parents wedding party if you are interested in having them i can send them to you. They used to double date as well. Dad played football with your dad for the Massillon Tigers. My mom passed away in 1998, Dad passed away in 2004. They are probably all four together now talking about all the good times. If you want those pictures let me know. Dave Miller

Dave Miller - July 30, 2007 at 02:12 PM

TW

“ To the Power family my deepest sympathy is extended to you. When I opened the paper today and saw the name Norma Power all I could think of was my mom and your mom meeting again! My mother and father went to high school with both of your parents...our mother's were close friends and my father was also a football star with your father. I can't tell you how many times throughout the years I heard the many stories of Norma and Dallas told by my mother..in fact I think my mom was in their wedding! My father passed away in 1964 and my mother passed away this past November. Please know that I can feel the pain you are having with your loss and trust me it will get better day by day....a good friend told me "to mourn often is to have loved well".. I feel sure that our parents are all together talking about the good old times at Washington High School back in the 40's and catching up on the years. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers...sincerely, Tracy Waltz...Massillon, OH

Tracy Waltz - July 30, 2007 at 10:29 AM

AS

“ Where do I even start?!? So many wonderful words have already been shared about you, G'ma. There will not be a day that goes by that I will not or have not thought about the two of you. I will always cherish our time together. You have taught me so many things, the capital of Montana, silver patterns (gadroon) and finally grace, elegance and manners. God sure broke the mold when he created you. You were a great role model and teacher. You and G'pa raised such wonderful daughters, my Mom and Aunite Lori, the saying must be true "chip of the old block." I know that Mom & Lori will carry on your name proudly. You led a fullfilled life. You were strong, intelligent and beautiful. I wish that I had half of what made you so special. I feel so content that you are back with G'pa. I know that he can feel whole again. You and G'pa were an inspiration and I would never change a minute of my life that I spent with you. I will always cherish our talks and advise sessions. Our family will keep your memory and G'pa's alive. You and G'pa are in our hearts and souls. Please know that I will miss you until we are reunited. I love you G'ma...please tell G'pa and Kylee Jo that we love them and miss them too. Angie la-la

Angie Smith - July 29, 2007 at 02:26 PM

AS

“ You fought a long hard fight and now your finally with Doodles. You are such an amazing person, and I hope to be the same one day. My favorite memory with you was when you had to take me to my dance rehearsal at TPAC. We were in the Cadillac, and I'll never forget looking at the speedometer and you were only going 20 mph! I guess I was used to Doodles driving like he was in NASCAR. You will be in our hearts forever and will be missed dearly. I'll always give your little Noah hugs and kisses everyday from his Meme and Pomp Pomp. Love you forever Grandma. Your one and only, Lollipop.

Ashley - July 29, 2007 at 12:05 PM

HB

“ Patch: I know I don't know you that well, but as a new addition to the family you were the one that gave me my new nick name (Patch). I saw your strength and admiration; and wish I could have known you better. And part of the new family I will vow to take care of your beautiful grand daughter and wonderful great grandson knowing that you will look out over us.

Hutchison Becker - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 PM

LH

“ Mom:
I told you this at least a million times how proud I was of you and how I admired your strength. I wish I had an ounce of it. You fought a very courageous battle with dignity and class, just as you did throughout your life. You and Daidee raised "your girls" to be strong, independent women and we thank you for that. Mother, you were at the top of the list when it came to elegance and class. Always dressed to the nine's and not a hair out of place. How beautiful you are to me. I miss our many phone calls, attending church together, and of course the fun we had shopping. (I hope they give scooter driving lessons in heaven!!, you Mario you!!) Mother, I miss you terribly but I take great comfort in knowing that you are where you prayed to be, reunited with Daidee in heaven. Thank you Mom for making me the woman I am today. I love you forever and ever. Rest now Mommie..... Your baby daughter.....Lori

Lori Harris - July 29, 2007 at 08:46 AM