



## Ann J. Norberg

September 4, 1946 - May 5, 2019

Ann J. Norberg, age 72 of Mattoon, IL passed away after a brave battle with cancer at 6:24 PM, Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 with Reverend Greg Sutter officiating. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM in Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Cemetery in Norris City, IL. A visitation will be held Monday evening, May 13, 2019 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM at the funeral home.

Born on August 4, 1946, Ann was the daughter of the late Kenneth and C. Josephine (Wright) Cole. She married Oscar E. Norberg in May of 1978; he preceded her death on July 19, 1994. She is survived by one son, Thomas R. Carter and wife Susan of Swansea, IL; three grandsons, Thomas, Nicholas, and Calen Carter of Swansea, IL; one brother, Thomas Cole and wife Corky of Vienna, IL; one sister, Martha Whitson and husband Chuck of Colorado Springs, CO; three nephews and one niece. She is preceded in death by one nephew, Stephen Whitson.

Ann attended Eastern Illinois University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Education in 1976 and master's degree in Education in 1979. While earning her degree during the day, Ann worked evenings at Consolidated Communications and later at RR Donnelley in Mattoon, IL. Ann became a teacher and coach for Mattoon Community Unit School District #2 from 1976

until her retirement in 2008. She taught Physical Education and Health at Mattoon High School, coached volleyball, assistant basketball coach, and served as a field judge for IHSA State Track & Field. With a passion for education, Ann was also an instructor at Lake Land Community College and Eastern Illinois University. Throughout her impressive career, she was awarded Who's Who of United States Teachers in 1992, 1994, and 1996. After retirement, Ann worked at Eastern Illinois Area Special Education (EIASE) until 2016. She was a member of Mattoon Eagles Club and American Legion. In her free time there was nothing Ann enjoyed more than traveling to the ocean and relaxing in the warm weather. She loved life, teaching, friends and family. Making a lasting impact on many throughout the years, Ann's memory will live on. Memorials in her honor may be made to Sarah Bush Lincoln Cancer Center, 1000 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938. Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **13**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ann J. Norberg*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Tommy, we are sorry about Ann. We didn't find out until today or we would all have been there. I called her about every 2 or 3 weeks, and we would talk and laugh about Mom and Aunt Jo and things they use to say and do. I loved Ann, she was a precious lady and I will miss her. She was so proud of you and her grandchildren, I know you have beautiful memories to remember her by. Again I am so sorry we weren't there, but we didn't know. Y'all will be in our prayers. Love and God Bless, your cousin Shirley Karnes Medley*

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**Shirley Medley** - May 17, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *Ann "Coach Norm" is one of my most memorable and favorite coaches I had the pleasure of playing for. I have lots of memories of her throughout my High School Volleyball career. Always had me laughing!! So glad I stopped by a couple of weeks ago to visit with her. It was as if I was still in High School and she was my coach (never skipped a beat). She will be greatly missed. Prayers and peace to the family.*

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**Stephanie (Morris) Sapp** - May 13, 2019 at 04:27 PM

TO

“ Ann was my track coach in 1978. I have fond memories of the away meets traveling on the bus. She would have us all laughing from stories she would tell. Recently, I had the pleasure of reuniting with Ann and catching up on years past. I must say that Ann was a very strong, independent woman. She may not have won the war, but she fought the battle with pride and dignity. I will miss her dearly. She is at rest now and no longer in pain. I'm thankful of that.

Terri (Grim) Oakley - May 13, 2019 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ Ann Norberg was such a fun-loving person and a coach I will never forget. Her memory will forever live on. She was always there when people needed her, and her humor and positive interactions made a her a joy to be around. Rest is peace, Coach Norberg.

Marnie Blade, 1991 graduate of MHS - May 11, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann J. Norberg.



May 11, 2019 at 08:19 AM

TH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of the way Ann could get my dad laughing!!! She was hilarious. She was an incredible person who inspired many people with her quick wit and ability to teach! She will be greatly missed! I'll miss IM'ing with her late into the night, as we were both insomniacs!!



Tracy Pleasant Hagood - May 10, 2019 at 05:41 PM

AC

“ She was my volleyball coach and assistant basketball coach when I played at MHS. We had so much fun with her...nothing but fond memories. She will be missed.  
Anne (Lawrence) Catey

Anne Catey - May 09, 2019 at 10:25 PM

PS

“ My sympathies to Ann's son Tom and his family. She was so proud of her grandsons too. It was my great fortune to work closely with Ann both at MHS as a teacher from EIASE and a co-teacher with EIASE. May she sleep well in the arms of the Lord. Till we meet again Ann, Much love. Pat Stapleton.

Pat Stapleton - May 08, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ Clayton Leffler lit a candle in memory of Ann J. Norberg



Clayton Leffler - May 08, 2019 at 10:07 AM

MA

“ Mrs Norberg will be remembered as one of the teachers who helped detour me from ruining my life in HS. I was just thinking about how she drove me home one time, to my grandmothers house, and encouraged me to get back on the right track. She was a blessing to me & many others. Please accept my sincerest condolences. I’m sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts & prayers.



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**marquita** - May 08, 2019 at 07:30 AM

CJ

“ Christine Masse Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ann J. Norberg



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**christine masse jackson** - May 07, 2019 at 11:55 PM

LT

“ Many fond memories as she was my PE/health teacher and coach. A great friend to all and would do anything for anyone. She will be missed by all her friends.

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**Linda Nuxoll Taylor** - May 07, 2019 at 11:50 PM

BB

“ Mrs. Norberg was my PE teacher in high school. Such a great teacher with a wicked sense of humor. She will be missed. Condolences to her family and friends.

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**Bianca B** - May 07, 2019 at 11:25 PM

CC

“ we were neighbor's in Charleston-back in late 60's --we had so much fun running around -- the stories I could share--not enough room-- she walked me through my 1st preg---so funny--hugs my friend--RIP--never forget you



Cathy Curl - May 07, 2019 at 11:04 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Ann's passing. She was one of my favorite teachers in high school! I will pray for her family on losing such a great lady!



S Diane (Whitaker) Johnson - May 07, 2019 at 10:46 PM

KH

“ Ann and I talked everyday and went out to eat alot. She was very strong even when she was I pain. We liked to watch the cardinals game and play dice. May she rest in peace and he reunited with Oscar and Jo.

Kaye Honn - May 07, 2019 at 10:19 PM

BK

“ Glad I got to see you two hours before you passed. You were still fighting so hard. There will never be another Norberg!!!!



Bonita Kinney - May 07, 2019 at 10:12 PM

PS

“ I worked with Ann at the RRD plant.... she was always fun to be with. Later on she taught my daughter in pe class in Mattoon High School!!! RIP Ann and prayers to your family . So sorry for your loss of your mother, sister and rest of the family. She will be missed.

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pat sorensen - May 07, 2019 at 09:22 PM

TC

“ Coach Norberg was definitely a positive light in this world! My fondest memory is doing sprints the morning after being caught TPing her home. It could have been worse! RIP!

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teresa craig - May 07, 2019 at 08:04 PM

TL

“ I have lots of memories of Ann it as we always called her Norm. My favorite one is right before we was to walk in the gym for our graduation from high school. That was the year that the there was a teacher's strike during our volleyball season. We had a really good team that year but didn't get the chance to see if we would have made it to state. Norm understood that we was disappointed and said she had no doubt that we would have made it to state. Fast forward to graduation night and right before we was to walk into the gym she found each of us 6 seniors and gave each of us a letter and a medal. The letter told each of us how she felt about us and she she said this was the medal we should have received. I still have the letter and medal. After hearing about Norms passing I found it and read it again crying the whole time. I haven't seen or talked to Norm for years but she will forever be in my heart ❤️

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Tammy Leeman - May 07, 2019 at 06:27 PM

DJ

“ Dorene Jordan lit a candle in memory of Ann J. Norberg



Dorene Jordan - May 07, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DJ


“ My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She made a lasting, positive impact on so many young people including me. I am grateful to have known her.

Dorene Jordan - May 07, 2019 at 05:06 PM

SU

“ Coach Norberg was one awesome lady, she was always an ear or shoulder if you needed one and kicked your butt when you needed it too. She had a laugh you won't forget.  
Enjoy your reunion with Oscar  
God got one amazing angel

staci underhill - May 07, 2019 at 03:46 PM

  
Christina McGuire

“ My deepest condolences to all her family and friends. What a wonderful woman.



Christina McGuire - May 07, 2019 at 02:46 PM