



Norma L. Searles

June 27, 1939 - June 26, 2020

Norma L. Searles, age 80 of Mattoon, IL passed away peacefully at 5:07 PM, Friday, June 26, 2020 in Orland Park, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Reverend David Searles will officiate. A committal service will take place in Dodge Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be held from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

Norma was born on June 27, 1939 in Ivesdale, IL to the late Claude and Helen (Thompson) Collins. She married Donald Milton Searles on November 17, 1957; he survives. Other survivors include four children, Reverend David Searles and wife Barbara of East Boston, MA, Melanie Thoele of Mattoon, IL, Michael Searles and wife Lisa of Rockwell, TX, Julie Searles and husband Rene Jimenez of Orland Park, IL; eight grandchildren; and three brothers, Richard Collins and wife Sharon of Greenup, IL, Ronnie Collins and wife Lois of Toledo, IL, and Bobby Collins and wife Sandy of Mattoon, IL.

Norma was employed by Kuehne Manufacturing and was previously employed by Blaw Knox in Mattoon, IL. She and her husband Don later moved to St. Louis, MO where he attended Bailey's Technical School and she worked for St. Louis Post Dispatch and St. Louis Cabs Company.

She attended Broadway Christian Church and was a former Missionary Secretary for First Assembly of God Church in Mattoon, IL. Norma was active in the life of the church and served as Children's Church Director.

Norma spent her time committed to faith and family. She was a dedicated wife and mother, treasured her children and embraced every moment spent with them. She especially loved her role as Nana to her grandchildren. She was loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Those who are unable to attend the service may remotely attend live via Memorial Webcast. Please use the following link at 10:00 AM, Thursday, July 2, 2020 at <https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/obituaries/Norma-Searles-2/> .

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Norma L. Searles*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Norma L. Searles*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Don, sorry this is so belated, we have been away at family. My deepest condolences at your loss. I know God will, and has been giving you comfort, knowing that you will be reunited with Norma in the future. May His peace and blessings sustain you in the meantime!*

Tom McMinn

Tom McMinn - July 16, 2020 at 06:09 PM

TI

“ You were such an inspirational mother, grandmother, friend and everything in-between. You were the glue that brought people together. Holidays, birthdays, every day was better because of you. I will miss you so very much.



Tiffani - July 02, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JR

“ As a child, I looked up to my beautiful, loving cousin. As an adult , I was thankful for a beautiful , loving friend. When I think of her I see and hear her delightful laugh.



janice roberts - July 02, 2020 at 11:02 AM

SC

“ Sandy Collins lit a candle in memory of Norma L. Searles



Sandy Collins - July 02, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SC

“ *She always had a seat next to her for whom wanted to sit with her to listen to God's Word. Now instead of sons and daughters ministering to her she is blessed to sit at the feet of our Blessed Savior. Indeed one of the rarest and most precious and blessed children of God I was blessed to be a small part of her earthly life. Till we meet again I will miss her!*

Sandy and Bobby Collins

Sandy Collins - July 02, 2020 at 10:20 AM

AH

“ *Amy Lovins Hartman lit a candle in memory of Norma L. Searles*



Amy Lovins Hartman - July 01, 2020 at 06:22 PM

AH

So sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in my prayers.

Amy Lovins Hartman

Amy Lovins Hartman - July 01, 2020 at 06:24 PM

BS

“ Norma/mom was much more than a mother-in-law to me. She was a friend. From day one she welcomed me with open arms. I looked forward to any visit that meant being with her. I knew I could laugh with her til I cried. I also knew I could cry with her. She was an amazingly creative, talented, compassionate, hospitable, kind human being. Her deep faith in Jesus was notable and inspiring. It is what brought her through the most trying of times. I loved her so much! She is my forever treasured friend who I also called mom. ❤️
Barb Searles

Barb Searles - July 01, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DB

“ Norma was one of the kindest people I have ever known. Her gentle strength, loving heart and gracious hospitality is an example to me of who Jesus is and how He loves. Prayers of peace and comfort for all the family.

Diana Bergström - July 01, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SJ

“ Norma was a loving caring person who helped me survive a difficult time in my life. I will always treasure her love and kindness to me. May God Bless her family with His Peace.

Sue Jackson - July 01, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 01:58 PM

KD

“ *Norma was my mom's best friend, and one of the kindest people I had the privilege to know. Her dedication to and faith in God was clearly evident in her daily life; and her devotion to and compassion for her family and friends was unmatched. Loving prayers for the family as you grieve the loss of sweet Norma.*

Kelli Daily-Fleming - June 29, 2020 at 03:19 PM

DS

*Kelli,
Thank you for your kind words and your relationship with Norma. Your Mother and Norma were inseparable. Love Don*

Don Searles - July 01, 2020 at 12:48 AM