



Norma E. Saunders

January 17, 2019

Norma E. Saunders, 86, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at her home. Norma was born in West Virginia. Her parents were Wiley V. and Bessie W. Early. Norma was a retired Administrative Assistant with Portsmouth Public Schools where she worked for five Superintendents over 28 years. Norma was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Norma's joy came from doing for others and being with family and friends.

Norma was a member of Churchland Baptist Church and a member of the Rachel Bible Study Class. She was a former member of the Portsmouth Pilot Club as well as the Portsmouth Music Club. Norma was a member of the Portsmouth Retired Employees Organization.

Norma is predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Frank Saunders as well as her mother and father. She is also predeceased by her 7 siblings; Elise Gorman, Wiley V. Early, Jr., Rebecca Brower, Milton Early, James Early and Betty Joyce Gross. Norma was recently predeceased by her son-in-law Bill Nelson.

Norma is survived by her four children Bruce Saunders and wife Beverly, Barry Saunders and wife Pam, Lisa Nelson, Lori Mounie and husband Tim. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren Casey Saunders, Brett Saunders,

Cory Nelson and wife Haley, Brady Saunders, Aaron Saunders, Hope Mounie, Jaclyn Mounie, Meredith Hamner and husband Rob, Samantha Bush and husband Jon, Tyler Luttrell; 3 great grandchildren Turner Nelson, Parker Nelson and Boyd Bush; as well as two siblings Dorothy Benson and Michael Wayne Early. Norma also leaves behind her dear caregiver and friend Evy Thompson.

A funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 11:00 am. at Churchland Baptist Church by Dr. Dan Koger with interment to follow at the Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-7 pm on Monday, January 21, 2019 at Loving Funeral Home at 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Churchland Baptist Church Building Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Churchland Baptist Church
3031 Churchland Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

FT

“ To Bruce, Barry and your families. The picture of your Mom caught my eye because you guys look so much like her. Please know that my prayers and wishes for peace comes to you all as you look back on all the love and beautiful memories your Mom brought to you.

God Bless,
Fran Taylor

Fran Taylor - January 23, 2019 at 04:05 PM

DM

“ It was diifficult to see a neighbor from the early 1960's slowly degrade in health through these last years. Myself and my family had so many good times with the entire family through the years. Norma was so kind and pleasant whenever I saw her and she called me Danny Doonie. My mom and myself will miss Norma and will continue to pray that Bruce, Barry, Lisa, and Lori find peace knowing that she no longer suffers. God Bless!

danny modlin - January 22, 2019 at 01:00 AM

MW

“ Mike Duncan, Kendra Bowland, and Tim Williams purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Norma E. Saunders.



Mike Duncan, Kendra Bowland, and Tim Williams - January 21, 2019 at 12:09 PM

BA

“ *To the Saunders family,
My heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beautiful mother. When I worked in downtown Portsmouth near city hall, I'd occupationally see your lovely mom and we'd always chat. Course I would ask about Bruce since we went to elementary school together and all the girls had crushes on him!
I know she'll be missed and I hope you have many memories to keep close in your heart.*

Betty Axson - January 21, 2019 at 10:30 AM

RA

“ *Barry,
So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Bobby Atkins

Robert Atkins - January 20, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma E. Saunders.*



January 20, 2019 at 11:32 AM

DR

“ So very sorry for your lost, in your time of sorrow May God's peace and love ease your pain and the Family, Please note the weeping will endure for a night but Joy come's in the morning, May God Bless you and your Family.

David & Jane Rascoe

David Rascoe - January 19, 2019 at 08:36 PM

DR

“ David Rascoe sent a virtual gift in memory of Norma E. Saunders



David Rascoe - January 19, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Norma E. Saunders.



January 19, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma E. Saunders.



January 18, 2019 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ Lisa
Prayers and heartfelt love to you. The lord is with you.

Deb Copley - January 18, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma E. Saunders.*



January 18, 2019 at 05:31 PM

WF

“ *With love, The Veselicky Family purchased the D reams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Norma E. Saunders.*



With love, The Veselicky Family - January 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM

SU

“ *Shenandoah University purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Norma E. Saunders.*



Shenandoah University - January 18, 2019 at 10:33 AM