



## Norma Jean Patterson

December 3, 1939 - December 17, 2020

Norma – age 81 of the Midway Community passed away peacefully Thursday, December 17, 2020. Norma loved all things Dolly Parton, including Dollywood. She loved the Vols, but especially the Lady Vols. She was a wonderful mother and grandma. She never missed any of her family's sporting events and was always the biggest fan. She retired from ORAU in 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents Inmon and Mattie McPeters, brother Roy McPeters, sisters Fee Hendrix and Opal McKinney, granddaughter Taylor Lankford, and son-in-law Michael J. Bonfini.

She is survived by husband of 59 years Jerry Patterson, son Terry Patterson (Cindy), daughters Rhonda Bonfini and Marilyn Rich (Dami). She is also survived by grandchildren Ashley Demerchant (Aaron), Alex Rich (Olivia), Rachel Conaty (Michael), Michael Bonfini, and Nick Bonfini (Blair). She has four great grandchildren Kylie, Jameson, Harper, and Michael. She is also survived by brothers Dick McPeters (Jane) and David McPeters; Her surviving sisters include Evelyn Irving (Jim), Carolyn Russell (George), Marion Byrge, Judy Anderson (Lamar), Reta Moore (Ken), and Donna Crisp. Sisters-in-law Sue Kelly and Freda Ramey along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Graveside Service 12:00 noon Monday, December 21, 2020 at Midway Church of God Cemetery with Dr. Tommy Patterson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Pat Summit Foundation.

Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Patterson Family. [www.kykerfu](http://www.kykerfu)

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# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Midway Church of God Cemetery  
Dogtown Road  
Ten Mile, TN 37880

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Rhonda, Terry, Marilyn, and Family,  
Just saw this today and wanted you to know how sorry I am about  
your mom’s passing. You and your families are in our thoughts and  
prayers!!! In Sympathy, With Love, Cindy Gordon Fielden and  
Family

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**cynthia Fielden** - December 31, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Norma was always a bright light at ORAU -- she was a diligent  
worker and she shared her positive energy with everyone. Someone  
like that leaves a huge void for family, friends, and acquaintences.  
We will have to take comfort in our memories of a lovely person and  
then soldier on.

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**Linda Holmes** - December 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ I worked with Norma for many years at ORAU and she was such a  
sweet kind soul. We had many long talks and she taught me so  
much about life. She will surely be missed. I pray for her family as I  
know how close they were and how dearly she loved them all.  
Debbie Simmons

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**Debbie Simmons** - December 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM

CS

“ I knew Norma from ORAU. I enjoyed talking to her. She always had  
a smile on her face. I pray for peace and comfort for the family  
during this difficult time. Cindy Skidmore

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**Cindy Skidmore** - December 23, 2020 at 07:24 AM

KS

“ Aunt Norma,  
You surely were loved and will be missed by many. You always had a big brilliant smile, a Lady Vols story, and something wonderful cooking on the stove. I hope that you are getting to talk basketball with Pat Summit everyday now.  
--Love, your niece Kellye (Russell) Sliger

Kellye Sliger - December 23, 2020 at 06:56 AM

MM

“ Caroline, I am so sorry to hear about Norma's passing. Norma was always a pleasure to be with at work. I retired four years ago so I haven't seen her recently, but she will be missed now more than just from retirement.

Marlene Mayton - December 22, 2020 at 11:16 PM

WW

“ So sorry for your loss. Norma was always such a sweet person, who had a smile for everyone she encountered at ORAU. She will be missed. Praying for the family.

Wendy West - December 21, 2020 at 10:47 AM

KF

“ Aunt Norma, I will miss you so much. I know you and Sherry are up in Heaven having good laughter and lots of chatting . She loved you so much too.



Kim Fletcher(Anderson) - December 20, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ *Norma, you were such a sweet sister. I will miss you at our monthly dinners and your love. I love you very much. Judy*

**Judy Anderson** - December 20, 2020 at 07:42 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayer for all the family.*

**sue henley** - December 20, 2020 at 08:30 AM

CF

“ *Carolyn and George and Evelyn and Jim and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Norma Jean Patterson.*



**Carolyn and George and Evelyn and Jim and Family** -  
December 19, 2020 at 10:54 AM

DH

“ *DeeDee and James Hutcheson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norma Jean Patterson.*



**DeeDee and James Hutcheson** - December 19, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Patterson.



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December 19, 2020 at 02:26 AM



“ Heaven gained another angel, welcoming Aunt Norma in. A sweet Lady Vols loving angel. I will remember Aunt Norma as always having a smile to share, such a sweet, sweet lady. My thoughts are with Jerry, Terry, Rhonda and Marilyn.  
DeeDee Hutcheson

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**DeeDee Hutcheson** - December 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ Aunt Norma was always such a kind and sweet woman! I'll never forget all the times she let all of us kids come over and swing from the branches of her big willow tree in the yard. She always welcomed us with open arms and a big smile. We will sure miss you. My deepest sympathy to Terry, Rhonda and Marilyn for your loss.  
Kim Sharkey

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**Kim Sharkey** - December 18, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Norma was a wonderful, kind heart woman. I worked with her at 2 different places. She will be missed. Prayers for all of the family.

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**Cheryl Cook** - December 18, 2020 at 09:00 PM

MM

“ *Norma was always a loving soul. She will be missed. Love you Auntie Norma. ~Missy*

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**Melissa Mathis** - December 18, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SL

“ *Sue Goss Letner lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Patterson*



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**Sue Goss Letner** - December 18, 2020 at 08:09 PM

SL

*Very sweet person. I've know them for years . Two of them married in my family. Good people. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Sue Goss Letner** - December 18, 2020 at 08:12 PM

CR

*Norma, you are loved and missed. You leave us with sweet memories. Love your sister, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Russell** - December 19, 2020 at 12:45 PM

TT

*Great memories playing softball for Norma. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Tammy Tipton Taylor** - December 19, 2020 at 03:11 PM

MW

*I had the pleasure of working with Norma at ORAU. She took great care with her programs and the participants. I remember Norma's good sense of humor and the fact that she was a straight-shooter and spoke her mind! We certainly missed her when she retired. Norma is flying high with God's angels - you go girl! —Maggie West*

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**Maggie West** - December 19, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MA

*Miss Norma was a very good friend to me, and we shared some really good memories. She always kept up with my kids, she gave really good advice and she was a great story-teller. Her family was her world and she was extremely proud of them! I'll never forget our lunches, working together and our fun trip to Bristol Motor Speedway. There's nobody like Miss Norma. Prayers for her special family.*

*Marie Asher*

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**Marie Asher** - December 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM