



Norma Oakes

March 3, 1934 - October 15, 2017

Norma Joan Oakes, 83, of Martinsville, was released of all earthly ailments when she was peacefully called home at 11:20 p.m., on Sunday, October 15, 2017, in St. Francis Hospital, Mooresville. She was born on March 3, 1934, in Bloomington, to the late Howard and Ina Mae (Stansifer) Smith.

A 1952 graduate of Bloomington High School, Norma attended three Monroe County neighborhood schools; attending Gardner & Rice and Stanford Elementary. Instilled with several skills and values inherited from her mother and grandmother Stansifer, she completed ten years of 4-H. Norma previously worked for six years at IU and was fortunate to be an “at home” mom until her children were all in school. Returning to work in 1975, Norma continued her career in clerical work for the State of Indiana at Employment Security, and later for the Indiana State Department of Health; retiring in March 2000. Eager to stay moving weeks after retiring, Norma began working a couple of days a week in the Morgan County Surveyors Office. An honest, organized and assertive woman, her extensive clerical career was ended due to her medical condition in April of 2015. Some of her hobbies included, lunch dates with her Red Hat Ladies group, spur of the moment traveling with friends, crocheting and reading. Above all, Norma adored and deeply cared for her family; especially her babies and husband, Buster; to whom she was united in marriage on November 22, 1956. Living a full and happy life, she is now a cherished memory that will remain in the hearts of all that were blessed to

know her.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved son, Kevin Michael Oakes; paternal grandparents, Ora and Marshall Smith; maternal grandparents, Ira and Sara "Annie" Stansifer; and brother -in-law, Bob Houseworth.

Survivors include her loving husband of 60 years, Blancet "Buster" Oakes, Jr., of Martinsville; children, Glynda Oakes of Martinsville, Tina Zaring (Bob) of Fillmore, Howard Oakes (Teresa) of Eminence and Bethanna Rhude (Jerry) of Greencastle. Siblings, Barbara Houseworth of Martinsville and Marshall Smith (Kay) of Bloomington; niece, Barbara "Jane" Moon (Tom) of Martinsville; grandchildren, Courtney, Ryan (Tiffany), Caleb and Taylor; great grandchildren, Ryleigh, Anna, Keigon, Emily, Caiden, Gavin and Garrett.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. The Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2017, in the Olive Christian Church in Paragon, with additional calling held at church from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Following services, burial will take place in the Olive Christian Church Cemetery, where Norma will be laid to rest beside her late son, Kevin. Memorial Contributions may be made to the donor's choice of the Olive Christian Church Cemetery in Paragon, the Richland Cemetery in Bloomington, Gideon's International or the American Bible Society. To share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in Norma's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Olive Christian Church Cemetery

1967 N. Olive Church Road
Paragon, IN 46166

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Additional Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Olive Christian Church
1967 N. Olive Church Road
Paragon, IN 46166

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Paragon, IN 46166

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



*beings on this earth...
Our hope is that you had
more proud moments
than trying ones.
Thank you for the
upbringing that has
taught us to Live.*

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - October 18, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ From your *IDEM* family purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of *Norma Oakes*.



From your IDEM family - October 18, 2017 at 12:39 PM



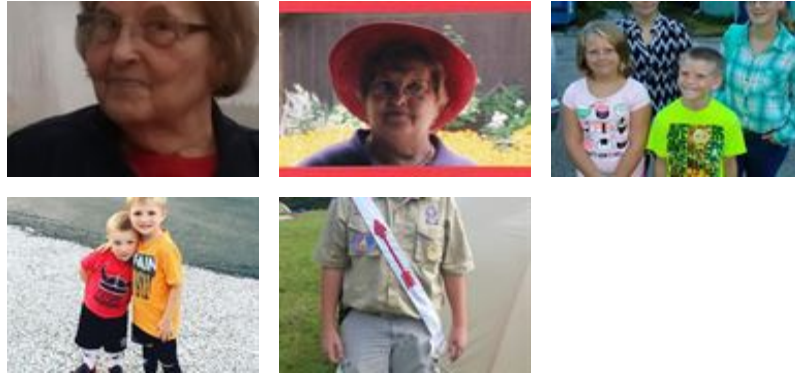
“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of *Norma Oakes*.



October 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ 122 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - October 18, 2017 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ *Our condolences Glynda.*

Mike and Shay Sickels

Mike Sickels - October 18, 2017 at 10:56 AM

JD

“ *Glynda, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I'm thinking of you in this difficult time and hope you'll find comfort and strength in your family and friends. Jenny Ranck Dooley*

Jenny Dooley - October 18, 2017 at 08:41 AM

MW

“ *we will miss seeing Norma at our Family reunions, but she will be having her on reunion with all her loved ones in Heaven. WE hope to see her when we take our place in the next Family reunion in the sky. Love and prayers for all the love ones.*

Mary j Wilson - October 17, 2017 at 08:38 PM

MW

From Gene and Mary Jane Wilson and Family.

Mary j Wilson - October 17, 2017 at 08:40 PM

LS

“ *FROM Margaret Dawson, Josie Adkins, Rev. Robert Adkins, Ricky Adkins, & Lydia Simpson and all the grandchildren of the late Raymond And Lucille Adkins... Our deepest love and many prayers go to Buster, the children, grandchildren, Great grands, and the many family members and friends. WE will always, always remember the many happy times that Norma & your family and ours gathered and shared many memories and made new ones. Please know in our hearts, Buster, and family, that we love all of you, as we did Norma.*



LYDIA ADKINS SIMPSON - October 17, 2017 at 07:50 PM