



Norma Alice Pate

September 21, 1941 - March 17, 2026

Norma Alice (Brummett) Pate, 84, of Monrovia, passed peacefully from this life a mere 22 days after her beloved husband Kenny, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, while in the care of Miller's Merry Manor in Mooresville. She was born on September 21, 1941, in Allegan, MI, to the late Arza Norman and Geneva Alice (McCoy) Brummett.

She was a proud member of the Helmsburg High School Class of 1959, where a chance encounter on the school bus led her to meet her future husband, Kenny—the love of her life. What began as a playful disagreement over who would sit in the back seat quickly turned into a lifelong connection. The couple were married on June 28, 1958, and shared 70 wonderful years together, raising five children and building a life rooted in love. In school Norma played the saxophone and would tell stories about playing the accordion to her kids when they were younger.

Norma earned her associate's degree in nursing from Ivy Tech and found her niche as a compassionate LPN. She previously worked as a nurse's aid for Tender Care Nursing Home (later known as NHE) and worked at the Indiana Boy's School for several years where she retired. She enjoyed collecting dolls, kicking back to watch her soap operas, and spending time in her flower garden. She was a member of the Schwinn Bicycle Club, and played softball in Monrovia with her daughter, Katy, one summer

Always in charge, Norma's nursing instincts showed whenever one of the kids got hurt while playing outside. The days often ended with everyone coming inside and gathering around the table, where the meal she made was always completely enjoyed and finished. She spent summers at Raccoon Lake, taking the kids swimming with a neighbor and making memories. She also traveled across the country with her own mother by car, creating special moments along the way. She was a loving, kind, and loyal woman—especially devoted to Kenny—and she wasn't afraid to put you in your place when needed. She was the rock that held the home together, always steady and dependable. She dedicated much of her time to her children, often serving as their chauffeur for athletic activities, always making sure they were where they needed to be.

“Google defines a mother as a woman who gives birth to a child, an important female figure in history. Grandmother qualities are compassion, empathy, and love. A nurse is a trained medical person who helps the I'll get better. Norma Pate had all of these qualities. She passed along the knowledge of how to make a house a home, how to sew by hand, and shared her secrets to a long-lasting marriage. She didn't mind telling you how she felt about a situation when you asked for her opinion. She was an honest woman filled with love for her family. Yesterday she joined her soulmate in heaven along with her mother and oldest daughter. In the past few weeks, she spoke about missing Kenny and about planting a garden at her son Dave's house with her daughter Anita. We know they are together, gardening and playing music together while watching over us all. Forever in our hearts, she will be deeply and profoundly missed”. ~Amanda Pate

Norma's family would like to extend a huge thank you to Erika McKinney, the hospice nurse, for the excellent care she gave to Norma and Kenny. She is truly a one-of-a-kind nurturing soul who went above and beyond for the family.

Along with her parents, Norma joins her husband Kenny and daughter, Anita Jackson in the afterlife.

She is survived by her children, David K. Pate of Monrovia, Katy Pate of GA, James Pate of OH, and John Pate of Shelbyville; son-in-law, Scott Jackson of Rushville; brother, Norman Brummett (Kay) of Whiteland; grandchildren, Sean and Joe Hooper, Vicki Crosby, Amanda Pate (Dante), Andrew Pate, and Britni Harden (Cody); several great grandchildren; and her beloved cat, Buddy.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held prior to the service on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 11:00am until a Celebration of Life Service begins at 1:00pm. Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate the services. Norma will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband, Kenny, in Nebo Memorial Park Cemetery, Martinsville. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Nebo Memorial Park

3295 IN-252
Martinsville, IN 46151

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Alice Pate.

March 25 at 08:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 24 at 09:31 AM



“ *I played softball with Mom this summer after I got out of high school. I was pretty athletic, and Mom was in her 40s and a little bit slow and possibly out of shape. She wasn't very fast but she could sure swap a homer. Usually, I would bet before Mom and I would always get on base cause I was good for a base hit. Mom could hit the ball a long way, but couldn't go very far. One game, the coach accidentally reversed our orders. Mom hit before me and got to first base. Somehow, I swatted the ball down the right field line. It was a home run. I caught up to Mom at second base. I ran 1 foot behind her all the way home. Two runs scored. She used to play right field in a big floppy hat. She wasn't very athletic, but she sure had fun.*

Katy Pate - March 23 at 06:13 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 23 at 11:26 AM

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“ So many memories and stories I've been told...I could write a book. When I think of my grandparents and the love they share, the easiest way to share that in a short version is to have them listen to the song "House that built me" by Miranda Lambert. The advice I asked my Mamaw recently what the secret was to a happy and long marriage. Her answer will stay with me forever: Never go to bed angry with one another. Communication is key, you may not agree with the other person but you need to respect their views and feelings as well. You can agree to disagree but don't let something trivial come between you. It you as a team against the world. And always have each others backs and take care of one another.

Amanda Pate - March 19 at 06:15 PM

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“ My grandmother and grandfather are where I learned what true love really is. Seeing them together my entire life gave me hope that I would someday find the same kind of love and loyalty (I have). Most of my best childhood memories are at their house. Sledding, leaning mandolin, being taught to shoot, listening to stories, having injuries bandaged, and always a memorable history lesson. Seeing her hold my children at Thanksgiving, and getting motherly advice. And always encouraging me to follow my dream of being a teacher. I made that dream happen because I knew they believed in it with me. They are missed dearly and always loved.

Britni Harden - March 18 at 05:58 PM

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“ I will miss Norma on her shopping days at Fraberg's, we always had nice conversations as she shopped for her groceries, RIP Sweet Lady you will be missed but never forgotten, your friend from the produce department.

CURT - March 18 at 05:18 PM