



Norma Jean Schmidgall

July 27, 1926 - April 19, 2022

Norma Jean Schmidgall, age 95, passed away at her home in Peoria on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born to the late George E. and Ada Mae (Benedict) Johnson on July 27, 1926 in Peoria. She married Earl Richard Schmidgall in Peoria and he preceded her in death on February 25, 2009.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Gary Richard Schmidgall and his wife Patsy Darlene, grandchildren, Wendy (Dooley) Rybolt and Michael Thomason, brothers, Louie Johnson and Robert Johnson, and sisters, Alice Hagle, Doris Wiley, Juanita Hoppe, and Etta "Nioi" Grape.

Norma is survived by her children, Sherry (Steve) Dooley of Peoria and Tarry (Sharon) Schmidgall of Peoria, grandchildren, Donny (Shirley) Richards of OK, Jodi (Scott) Thomason of Peoria, Chris Cole of AZ, Angie Thomason Donohue of Peoria, John Thomason of Peoria, Amy Thomason Schierer of Elmwood, Jeff (Tammy) Schmidgall of Farmington, and Kim Bowers of Peoria, 21 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Throughout her life, Norma wore many hats. She worked for Pabst Brewery where she met her husband Earl, and then attended cosmetology school. She owned her own beauty shop and was also the manager of Beetler Beauty Service. Later in life, she worked for Jumer's Castle Lodge. She was a lifelong member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Norma was known as "grandma" to many and opened her home to everyone.

She was a fun grandma and enjoyed going to see her grandson Jeff play with his rock band and she watched her great-grandson Gunner race motorcycles as often as she could. She was a shoe fanatic and when she found a pair she liked, which was most of them, she bought them in every color. She was a regular BINGO player and seemed to win more often than not. Norma was naturally artistic and enjoyed ceramics, flower arranging, and interior design. While she spent much of her time caring for others, she also cared for herself, and was always put together. Most of all, Norma cherished the bond she had with her family and did her best to keep them close.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a graveside service will be held at Lutheran Cemetery in West Peoria on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Pastor Kara of Bethel Lutheran Church in Bartonville will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Central/Western Oklahoma Chapter, Parker's Pack.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences may be left at www.Schmidt-Haller.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Cemetery

Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Norma Jean Schmidgall*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

GB

“ *Grandma Schmidgall was a grandma to so many of us that were Jeff's friends as kids and teens and even as adults. Always kind, always welcoming and sharing with her home, food, time, kind words and advice. One of the best grandmas anyone could have... she and "Bud" Grandpa were upstairs so many countless nights while her boys and girls played loud music and had so many great times at the house... her love allowed us to become such good bandmates as people but as players too... it's not the years it's the hours... stay beautiful forever.*

Greg Brown - April 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *She took me in and feed me when i was on hard times. She was gramma to all of Jeffs friends. Kind, loving, caring woman that wasn't afraid to tell it like it is. Rest in peace grams.*

Rich Feagin - April 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *A very sweet lady. I wish I had known her longer.*

Carl Miller - April 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CT

“*Kim, Jeff, Sherry so very sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of Jean and Bud on cherry lane. Such fun childhood memories. Carrie (Wood) Turner*

Carrie Wood Turner - April 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Jim and I had the pleasure of knowing Jean and Bud here at a B'nai Brith when they lived here and we were friends. They were a wonderful fun couple. We moved away but moved back in 3 years ago and Jean was still here and we reconnected. Jean was a Beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed here at B'nai Brith. We are Praying for Peace and Comfort for all of her Family and Friends.*

Jim and Nancy Mustard - April 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RA

“*SHERRY & STEVE & FAMILY I AM SO SAD TO HEAR OF JEANS DEATH & DO REALIZE SHE IS NOW W/OUT ALL HER DISCOMFORTS AND W/JESUS, EARL & FAMILY MAY SHE RIP - I HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED HER A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND WE HAD SHARE A LOT BUT SINCE ZION CLOSE HADN'T SEEN HER DID TALK TO HER SOME AND SENDING LOVE & MANY HUGS TO ALL W/GODS BLESSINGS RUBY*

RUBY ARMS - April 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Norma Jean Family, It was with great sadness to hear of Jean's passing. We have many great memories of working together at Beetlers and. Sharing time at her Home over a meal. May your memories help you in the days forward and help you to heal your sadness. Kathy Janssen Dorothy Sack (the Monroe Sisters)

Kathy Janssen - April 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Kathy Janssen lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Schmidgall

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