



Norma Jane Howser

September 14, 1936 - December 4, 2021

Norma Jane (Amos) Howser, First Lady of Wickwire House, died December 4, 2021. Norma, 85, of Charlotte, was born September 14, 1936 in Olean, Missouri, to Clinton and Eula (Martin) Amos. Norma's mother died shortly after her birth so she was raised by her aunt Freda Lane in Olean, Missouri. Norma completed high school in 1954 in Eldon, Missouri. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri, where she received an Associate Degree. Norma then enrolled at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She married Earl L. Howser on February 2, 1957 and transferred to Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, formerly an all-black institution until it was integrated via the Supreme Court in *Brown vs. Topeka*. Norma worked at Jacobsons Department store in Jackson for 18 years managing the suits, coat, and fur department. She also enjoyed volunteering; she volunteered for 15 years at the Courthouse Square and for 10 years at the Clothing Center. Norma collected birdhouses and had a collection of 95. She was a member of the Antiques Club in Charlotte for 20 years, was a fair and animal exhibitor, and part of the Princes at American Royal for 18 states.

Norma is survived by her husband of 64 years, Earl; children, Christopher Lee, of Traverse City, Steven Daniel, of Jackson, and Julie Ann, of Charlotte; grandchildren, Ryan Howser, Jackson, Nathan Kimmer, Charlotte, Michael Howser, Traverse City, and Addison Kimmer, Charlotte; great-grandchildren, Zander, Avery, and Ryleigh Howser, Jackson. She was predeceased by; her

parents.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Norma's family by attending services or sharing memories on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from noon - 2 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Norma's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Memorial contributions are suggested to Courthouse Square Association or Eaton County Humane Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Gathering

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Norma Jane Howser*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 22, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma Jane Howser*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 20, 2021 at 10:06 PM

MR

“ Norma was the consummate lady, wife, mother, and always, a friend to those she knew and respected. Norma was the perfect hostess, always tactful, polite, professional and sophisticated in every way; her attire always impeccable! She adored her family and Halloween, too, as I recall... Too bad the world doesn't possess more individuals like Norma Howser.

Lee, Chris, Steve and Julie, we are so very sorry for the hole in your heart and life, but believe Norma was truly “one in a million.”

*Sincerely,
“MaryV”, Missy, Chip and Family*

Mary Vanderstelt Rodriguez - May 11, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norma Jane Howser.



December 22, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 20, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ She always had the sweetest smile whenever I saw her. Loved stopping by to visit and see how beautifully she had her lawn and house decorated. I will miss waving to her and seeing her smile back.

Janice Dlouhy - December 18, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Norma Jane Howser.



December 17, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Norma's death. She was a great First Lady of the Wickwire House.
Deb and Fred Marshall

Drb and Fred Marshall - December 13, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DW

“ One precious memory of Norma Jane is about a bird house. My husband and I stopped in to see them in Charlotte a few years ago. As our visit ended, she gave us a bird house that she had brought to Michigan from Missouri. She thought it a good idea to return it back to Missouri with me. It was a treasure and fit into my 'small' collection of bird houses. We were first cousins, her mother Eula, and my dad Paul, were sister and brother. Doris Martin Wiggins, Missouri.

Doris Martin Wiggins - December 11, 2021 at 12:37 PM

DF

“ Lee & family,

We are so sorry to read of Norma's passing. Her smile lit up every room; her charm was only exceeded by her kindness. Janene and I always thought the world of Norma and share your sorrow at her homegoing.

*Blessings,
Dave & Janene Frazier*

David Frazier - December 10, 2021 at 08:15 PM

CW

“ I worked for Mrs Howser shortly after her surgery and she was the kindest and most talented person. Even with her dementia she sent me the most kind thank you note.

carolyn wagner - December 10, 2021 at 05:53 PM