



Mrs. Norma Lee Mabb

June 21, 1933 - April 14, 2020

Hampton, VA...

Norma Lee Mabb, age 86 passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Sentara Hospital in Hampton Virginia. Norma was born in Conway South Carolina. In the early years of her life she attended High Point Church where her beloved parents Ernest Norton and Minnie Cannon (Cooper) were laid to rest. She left South Carolina in the early sixties and after moving around the country and the world while raising five children and living the Air Force life Norma and her husband George made Hampton Virginia their home.

Norma's infectious laugh, charismatic personality and warm smile will be missed by all who loved her. It was said that "Norma loved everybody she ever met" and she did. She gave the world what she needed in return, love, kindness and respect and the world for the most part gave it back. She loved Life and it loved her back. Being in her yard, watching flowers grow and caterpillars turn into butterflies was her joy. She lived to treasure hunt for things for her family not realizing that watching her joy in finding something they would love was their joy and she was their treasure.

She loved God and he loved her back by getting her through the death of two children and the health issues that come with living 86 years. God created a fighter and she fought until the end to stay here with the people that loved her

but Heaven couldn't wait any longer and she is now with her husband George Mabb, daughter Mary Anne McLain, son Robert McLain, Mother Minnie and Father Norton, Sister Ernestine Bailey and friends that left this earth before her.

Norma is survived by her sister Helen Glasgow of Conway SC, son Sam McLain and wife Sherri, daughter Cindy Graham and husband Anthony, son George Mabb, six grandchildren; Kyle, Drew, Nikki, Danielle, Corey and Brittany and twelve great grandchildren which she loved dearly.

Norma will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway SC. A memorial service celebrating Norma's life will take place at a later date when circumstances allow.

In lieu of flowers the family requests considering making a donation in Norma's name to a charity that benefits our Veterans that have given so much.

Goldfinch Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Please sign the guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Mausoleum

1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I have so many great memories of going to Grandma Norma’s house growing up. When she knew we were coming to visit should would always have treats laid out, the refrigerator packed full, and crab bait ready for us. We would spend hours on the back dock catching buckets full of crab and roaming around in the back yard. It was amazing to see all the different plants and flowers she took care of. It was like an oasis that we could explore.

Grandma Norma was an awesome one of a kind lady. Talking in her southern accent, she could tell you stories for days. She was also a truly honest person. She would tell you what was on her mind and what she thought about it. I always admired that about her because she never left you guessing her feelings, she would let you know. That is a refreshing trait that is hard to find. I will always remember her dressing up in her jewelry and one of her thousands of hats to hit the town. Watching her shop so elegantly, but you better believe she was going to get the best price imaginable.

I had the honor of sharing my birthday with Grandma. Every year I would call her up and we would wish each other Happy Birthday. It’s going to be hard in June not to be able to call her up on our birthday, but I know she will be celebrating it in Heaven with Grandad and other loved ones.

I am so glad my kids got to know Grandma. It was awesome seeing them hop up in bed and snuggling up with her. She would say “Drew, they are so precious”. They loved their great grandma Norma, as we all did. I am going to miss her so much. But I know she is in a better place and I will see her again one day. I love you Grandma.

Drew McLain - April 22, 2020 at 04:29 PM

“The last time I was with my grandma she kept calling me her princess. She would say “Dani, my princess...” She never called me that before but growing up she always treated me like one. Every time we would come to visit, she would have a new doll, baseball cards or jewelry for me. She would tell me I could have whatever I wanted out of the little fridge in one of the rooms we sometimes slept in. Being little, I loved being able to grab from the different flavors she had stocked in there. I will miss us shopping all day until we dropped. My grandma was always dressed sharp from head to toe. She was known for her sharp hats and jewelry. My grandma was the one that taught me about bargain shopping and treasure hunting and the power of shopping around to get your money’s worth. To this day, I still head to the clearance racks first and will rarely buy something unless it is on sale. I loved getting up early and going to the yard sales and shopping with her and my mom. She would say, “Dani, you see something you like, you get it!” Us grandkids were truly spoiled rotten and she did the same to her great grandkids. She was a giver with a heart of gold and would give a stranger the shirt off her back if they needed it.

Grandma and grandpa’s house was home. I will miss sitting on the swing in my grandparent’s backyard and looking at the flowers. My grandma was the best gardener and she made her yard a magical wonderland that her grandkids and great grandkids loved to explore. Crab hunting was my sister and I’s favorite along with catching lightning bugs. My grandma found beauty in flowers, birds and nature. She could tell you everything you wanted to know about a plant or a tree and how to take care of one.

She loved animals. She loved her dogs Sammy and Hershey so much and I know how happy they were to see her again and her to see them in heaven. She was a kind, nurturing woman. I would be in the backseat and she would reach around from the front seat and I would just hold her hand. I will miss our talks and her laugh. I will miss going out to eat with her and my mom. I will miss getting birthday videos from her and videos of her from my mom telling me what they ate that day or what bargain they found at the yard sales. I will miss hearing that “Hey Dani” in her southern accent.

She was the strongest woman I have ever met. She has been through so much in her life. I find peace knowing she is no longer in pain and is with my aunt, uncle, and grandpa now. Miles and I are proud to share her middle name Lee and I am happy we will forever have that special connection with her.

I am so thankful and grateful to have her as my grandma and blessed to have so many wonderful memories. Grandma you are MY princess and I know heaven couldn't wait for you. Give granddaddy Turkeybutt a hug for me.



danielle griffin - April 20, 2020 at 12:11 AM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to family of Mrs. Nora. She was such a sweet person with a lovable personality. You are now in gods hand so Rest In Peace nand your angels will surround you with open arms and love. Diane Clark and family*

Diane Clark - April 18, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Norma Lee Mabb.*



April 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JF

“ Dear Miss Norma was my parents' neighbor as long as I can remember after they moved from Ft. Monroe and bought a house in Hampton. My Dad died in 1995 and Mom moved out of the neighborhood into a retirement home in 2016 and sold her house that year. Sadly, she died in 2017, but ever since she moved away I would visit Norma and Cindy and other neighbors. They were always so good to my Mom. Love you, Cindy and Norma! Such good memories of the neighborhood...

Judy Foster - April 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ My last memory of Mrs Norma was at a dinner buffet in Williamsburg. It was such A pleasure. I didn't realize that she was my “homegirl” at the time.
Mrs Norma, you're now gracing the streets of Heaven with your beautiful smile. Sleep in heavenly peace. 🌹

Teresa Smiley - April 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MS

“ My last memory of your mom was at a dinner buffet in Williamsburg VA. She was such a pleasure to meet, and I truly enjoyed her company. I didn't realize at the time, she was my “homegirl!” No wonder we hit it off. 😊. Now, Mrs Norma, you get to grace the streets of Heaven with your beautiful smile. Rest In Heavenly Peace. 🌹

Ms Tee Smiley - April 18, 2020 at 11:37 AM

NS

“ I can't even begin to sum up what a beautiful soul the world lost on Tuesday. When I was young she'd wake us up at 5 AM on the weekends cuz "the early bird got the worms" at the garage sales - still makes me laugh thinking of her & my mom in the front seat circling the addresses in the newspaper w/ no GPS & her saying "oh that's off of Armistead". She ran those streets. As a kid, visiting her house was like walking into a magical treasure castle. She would give me and Dani raw chicken so we could go in her back yard and catch crabs in the "moat" and her backyard was like a real life fairy garden. She absolutely adored "Rhyne" as she called him in her eternal Southern Belle accent. Listening to them talk about their shared loved of Bojangles always made me giggle. See always asked " How's that handsome man of yours doing?" Every time I saw her she would say "you were such a pretty child". She never met a stranger. She was a strong woman that tackled many obstacles that most women of her time just wouldn't. She was a sassy, fashionable lady that loved hats, lots of color & plenty of bling. I inherited my green thumb from her - she had plant superpowers. I remember I brought her a marigold I planted in preschool and she planted it in her yard and buried a bird under it. I couldn't believe how big it got. We used to write each other every month when I was in college. We think that grandparents are immortal & I've been fortunate to have mine well into my 30s, but not continuing on with that is one of those things that I regret. I hope she knows that I loved her very much. Grandma Norma...when we are all able to get together we will have the celebration of life that you deserve.

Love, Nikki



Nikki Sinkler - April 18, 2020 at 10:38 AM



We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mrs. Norma. She was a wonderful and gentle person. She will forever remain in our hearts. Rest in peace and may God give her eternal rest. Valerie White & Family

Valerie White - April 18, 2020 at 09:32 PM



Helen, Danny and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Danny Calhoun - April 19, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SM

On April 14th, 2020 Sam lost his Mom, I lost the most wonderful mother-in-law, and our sons and grandchildren lost their loving Grandmother. I know Heaven is a little brighter now that God has brought this wonderful lady home to be with Him. Norma was like a mother to me. She comforted me over the loss of my parents and sister. She taught me how to do laundry, she taught me a love for gardening, she taught me the names of flowers and trees, the best ways to make my plants thrive, she taught me about the love of family and she taught me all about southern hospitality. She was kind, loving, caring and made friends just with her smile. She was a ray of sunshine and someone that influenced my life immensely. I was so blessed and privileged to have known her. I remember the day Sam and I went to their home in Germany to tell Norma and George that we were going to get married. I was 17 and Sam 19. She did what any Mom would do when her child is so young, she cried. Within a few minutes of telling her that we planned to be married in less than three weeks, she met my parents. She squared her shoulders, opened a bottle of wine and we all celebrated. That was almost 44 years ago. From that moment on she was at my side any time that I needed her. She helped my Mom and I plan a beautiful wedding, she celebrated the birth of our sons and grandchildren with us, she calmed us when Sam and I had big moves to make in the military, and offered words of wisdom when our children moved out on their own. She knew how to handle the empty nest syndrome and passed that on to me. One day at a time, she told me. Go out in your yard and walk around you'll find something that will make you feel better. One of my best memories of her was when I would be out with Norma and Cindy going to yard sales. We would always start our day of treasure hunting by stopping for coffee and a biscuit. When Cindy would go inside the store Norma would people watch. Sure enough, she would get little smile on her face and she would reach her hand out to a man or woman that would walk by. Hey Ma'am or hey Sir she would say. They would always take her hand and she would tell them something that she loved about them, a scarf, their hairdo, the beautiful car they were driving, shoes, or just the smile on their face. She was so giving even to total strangers, and you know how a smile spreads when you give it to someone. I've seen Norma reach her hand out sitting in the car, riding her scooter through the stores, or to a neighbor walking by admiring her beautiful flowers in the yard. Friends or strangers, anytime that someone would stop to look at her yard, she would give the tour, show them the flowers, the worms that would soon be butterflies, and her newest editions to her collection. More times than not that person would leave her yard with a bulb, a plant start, or a crepe myrtle in their hand and a smile on their face. She touched us all with her love and kindness. We love you Norma and will really miss you. Say hi to George, and Mom and Dad for me. I know you got to meet Jesus today. Give Him a hug for all of us. God Bless You.

Sherri McLain - April 20, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CM

I always loved how Grandma Norma loved flashy jewelry and hats. Grandma was so loving and nice. She was also very nice to my friend. I know that you will be watching over me and my family in heaven, and I cant wait to meet you there. I love you and miss you. love, Camryn

Camryn McLain - April 21, 2020 at 12:35 PM

KM

Norma was so good to my family. We were blessed to live close to her for 3 years, while I was completing my medical training. We were far away from the rest of our family. For me, it seemed like I had a grandma close by, since mine was far away. We would go over on Saturdays to hit the garage sales. She was always looking out for things at the sales for other people- always thinking of others. She helped us find things for our first home. We would take Carter over to visit on Sundays after he was born. She would tell me stories about the family and her neighbors. We got to meet many of her neighbors. You could tell that they thought a lot of Norma and George. After we moved, we looked forward to trips to visit her. We would still go to the sales on Saturdays. We liked to go out to lunch. I loved her sweet voice. I will really miss Norma.

Kelly McLain - April 21, 2020 at 12:56 PM

CM

I remember looking around at all of the trees and flowers in Grandma's back yard. I liked going to garage sales with grandma and Cindy.

Cate McLain - April 21, 2020 at 12:58 PM

KM

My grandmother was awesome! I can remember as a kid coming to her house on visits and it being fun and peaceful. She would always have some treats laying on her kitchen table...if the visit was expected the fridge would be stocked with food and it was much appreciated. My favorite times with her were spent sitting on her couch and listening to her talk and tell stories. She told stories with half a grin and the sweetest southern accent...I felt so at ease listening to her and felt as if I could share anything. Shortly after I was married my wife and I moved near by and we were blessed with the opportunity to move near her and my Aunt Cindy. It meant the world to me that those two women could spend time with my wife and bond. Though I didn't participate they went yard sailing and I know for sure had a great time. Neither my grandma or my Aunt have any problems sharing their true feelings about anyone and the feedback I received was awesome...both warranted and appreciated. During our stay near grandma, Kelly became pregnant and gave birth to Carter, our first child. Truth be told Grandad George was the first person I told, but it was a few short minutes later I told Grandma. She was so excited! After he was born we made it a point to come to her house every Sunday for a visit for the 3 years we lived there. This led Grandma to tell stories of childrearing of my dad and his sibling...all useful, funny and gross! Those memories will be cherished for as long as I live. My Grandma was a generous, loving and loyal person. I have stories for each one of those attributes that I will keep with me and use as a roadmap as I navigate life on earth...and will hold for continued conversation when we meet again. I love you Grandma!

Kyle McLain - April 21, 2020 at 11:19 PM