



Norma M. Pitzer

SEP 18, 1964 - SEP 5, 2015



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Norma M. Pitzer, 50, passed away September 5, 2015. She was born September 18, 1964 in Miami, Florida to the late Jose and Angelina (Parrilla) Martinez. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Kelly. Norma came to Sarasota in 1983 from Hialeah, Florida. She was a Christian and was an inspiration to so many people. She was a member of the Center for Building Hope and enjoyed cycling, kayaking, writing, making cards and Zentangles. Through her battle with breast cancer, Norma was a constant encouragement to those who were also afflicted. She blogged for the Breast Investigators and Living Beyond Breast Cancer. Her words touched many lives.

Left to cherish her memory are her sister, Sonia Wood and her husband Silas of Sarasota; nieces, Kristina Rummings and her husband Mark of Bradenton and Cynthia Lyons and her husband Bruce of Parrish; and her great nephew, Adam Rummings.

Graveside Service will be Friday, September 18, 2015 at 12:45 PM at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Center for Building Hope, 5481 Communications Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Walk at www.makingstrides.acsevents.org.



Events

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Graveside Service

Friday, September 18, 2015

12:45 PM ET

Bay Pines National Cemetery
10,000 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg FL 33708



Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 19, 2015

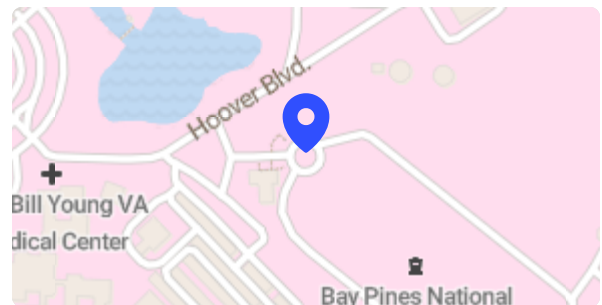
2:00 PM ET

Center for Building Hope
5481 Communications Parkway, Sarasota FL 34240



Cemetery Details

Bay Pines National Cemetery
10,000 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg FL 33708





Tribute Wall

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Sonia Wood lit a candle in honor of Norma.

October 28 at 9:38 PM



Lisa Johnson lit a candle in honor of Norma.

September 14 at 4:09 AM



Lisa Johnson lit a candle in honor of Norma.

September 13 at 9:48 AM



Una Quan And Family lit a candle in honor of Norma.

You live on in our memories and in our hearts. You were brave and strong beyond what was expected. Be at peace! God bless you.

September 11 at 9:01 PM



Ellen Jane lit a candle in honor of Norma.

September 11 at 8:00 AM



Ellen Jane September 11 at 8:14 AM

Good bye Normie, until we meet again in heaven. You will be missed by so many. You were an amazing fighter, so courageous, and positive. I fully expected you to go many more years, but God had other plans and his plan for you was perfect. No more pain, no more sorrow, no more suffering. My heart broke when I saw and witnessed your losses over the past few years, and I could not believe how you stayed so positive. Such an amazing witness for so many. You touched more lives than you could ever imagine. I will miss our card making at Christmas time, and constant jokes, forever trying to make me laugh. Your goofy funny faces and sarcasm, rest in peace Normie. xoxo



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Linda Hanson lit a candle in honor of Norma.



September 10 at 5:12 PM



Denise Dunleavy Mcpartland lit a candle in honor of Norma.



September 10 at 5:28 AM



Denise Dunleavy Mcpartland September 10 at 5:30 AM

The world and all of your friends will miss your smile - your sense of humor and definitely your sarcasm!!! You fought hard - you encouraged and supported others all with dignity and grace. Taken away from us too soon, but are with Rick and no more sorrow no more pain.



Juan Devarona lit a candle in honor of Norma.



Normall remember your innocence your smile your intelligence and your caring personality.God Bless you!!

September 8 at 5:57 PM



Marilyn Ramos lit a candle in honor of Norma.



September 8 at 1:45 PM



Luanne Foss-Versteeg lit a candle in honor of Norma.



September 8 at 1:22 PM



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PC

Peggy Comerford lit a candle in honor of Norma.

September 7 at 4:15 PM



JO

Joniduane lit a candle in honor of Norma.

September 7 at 7:12 AM



CW

Candy White posted:

My wonderful Normie. The day you became Norma Kelly, you made my son a wonderfully happy man. You gave him and yourself what he always wanted, a family of his own. You were a mom and a good mom and Christian will always remember how you cared for him and Mikey, and most of all Rick. You were so brave for so long and fought a good fight while learning to write, paint and encourage others who were just diagnosed. An amazing wife, mother, encourager, and fighter. Now is the time to put the gloves down and return to Rick, mom and dad. We will always love you my sweet daughter. Mom

September 7 at 7:00 AM



TK

Tim Koenning posted:

I met Norma in high school (HML '82). She was actually my first girlfriend. Although it was a brief month or so, it was very memorable to me. Along with Norma's best friend, Lilly Fernandez, the three of us would go to Burger King for lunch where Norma would order a cheeseburger without the meat. I can also still remember that orange mustang she drove. After high school I moved to Georgia to go to college. We wrote each other a couple of times...and I still have those letters! Many years went by until Facebook appeared. We reconnected there and from time to time exchanged messages over the years. It was one day in February 2011 that I felt a sense to message her. The last time was in 2009 and she was engaged to Rick. She gave me her cell # and told me to call her if I wanted to chat. I'll never forget, that afternoon on my way home from work, I had such a strong conviction to call her, so I did. Everything changed from there...What was amazing was the stories of our recent past and the similarities of some events. We had both married again on Jan. 1, 2010. That was odd! The next several months were both full of turmoil for each of us...hers much worse than mine, as she lost both parents and was diagnosed with cancer. Both of our spouses departed the same day in Oct of that year. She lost Rick to death, my wife left the house to never return. Yet, God had been at work the entire time. I officially accepted Jesus as my Lord & Savior in Nov of 2009. From the time my wife left to the time I reconnected with Norma in 2011, I had been praying for my wife's return and had given myself entirely to Christ. Norma and I shared each other's stories of pain and grief and I was amazed at her positive attitude and courageous spirit. I shared how Christ had worked in my life and I shared the gospel with her. We began to converse frequently and I encouraged her with biblical stories and references. I asked her if she had a Bible and she said her sister had given her a pretty pink covered one with waterproof pages. She said it was packed in a box and I highly encouraged her to find it. She told me that she had been baptized in the hospital but she did not pursue fellowship at a church afterwards, She said she had not attended church in many years. Once again, I told her church attendance was part of being with other believers and not just as a thing to do. She then sought out a congregation and ended up going to 2 of them for a while. She even joined a small group of women. She had such wonderful stories of what God was doing in her life and we shared many wonderful conversations. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit with her twice in the last several years. Those will be forever blessed memories. As she grew in Christ, I could see how impactful her life became for so many others suffering from that wretched disease. She did truly become the light and the salt to a dark and dying world! I was so encouraged when she said she was going to write a book. I was honored to have read several of the chapters. I pray that it is indeed published. I realize this is a bit lengthy but I wanted to share my walk with Norma and how God has woven our lives for His purpose. Yes, she is now pain free & in His embrace. And yes, she will be dearly missed. I will certainly miss our phone conversations & her calling me "Timmy" and "hey sweetie" in the ways that only she could. I will treasure the memories of such a courageous and positive fighter. My heart aches but I rejoice in her promotion to Heaven! With all my love, sweet Norma!

September 6 at 6:43 AM



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KM

Karen Mcgough posted:

I met Norma during her first hospitalization when she was diagnosed with cancer. She had the worse pain tha I have ever seen. I was part of her team to manage her pain. We stayed in touch over the years. I was honored to care for her. Her indomitable spirit continues to be an inspiration to me. Many condolences to the many lives she touched.

September 7 at 4:20 AM

KM

Karen Mcgough lit a candle in honor of Norma.



September 7 at 4:12 AM

CL

Cindy Lyons lit a candle in honor of Norma.

I have many memories of my Aunt Norma. From her drawings, to her Pebbles and Bambam voices, to country concerts, and all her jokes. She always had a quick one liner to crack me up. I am so sad that after her strong fight against that terrible disease cancer, that now it's over. I was always very proud of how brave she was in her fight and how positive she was about it all. I will miss her very much but I know she is with Grandma and Granddaddy and that gives me peace. She's also with her husband Rick too. I'm glad she's not in pain anymore. I love you Norma.



September 6 at 10:46 AM

KD

Kim Diorio posted:

Sunie and family - So very sorry to hear about Norma's passing. I recall that during a trip to Sarasota we went over to see your parents. Norma was in town visiting them as well. While sitting around the table, she hung a spoon from her nose. We all laughed so hard, then learned to do it as well. I'm sure her fun spirit will live on!

September 6 at 9:34 AM



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SW

Sunie Wood posted:

My sister Norma fought hard against stupid Cancer. She succeeded in so many ways. She left us on a beautiful Saturday afternoon surrounded by her loving friends. I will never forget the date because it would have been our Mother's 90th birthday. I'm sure they are celebrating together. I will miss her humor and quick wit and our secret language, Spanish. Her family and I thank you for your prayers.

September 6 at 6:43 AM

MR

Marilyn Ramos September 7 at 4:18 PM

While Norma and I often talked on the phone, she from her job, and I from mine, we always managed to end our conversation with a chuckle. One day, I finally drove to Sarasota to finally meet this amazing woman. She was a ball of giggles and her quick wits had me in stitches. I am so thankful and proud to have know such a remarkable human being. We kept in contact through AOL chats late at night. While I will sorely miss her, I am happy that she is without pain. She is with the loves of her life. I love you Normita & I will NEVER forget you.



AB

April Beland September 7 at 3:13 AM

What a beautiful soul and I am lucky I got the chance to meet her. She is an inspiration to many and loved by all who knew her. Finally she is free of pain. RIP Norma

LI

Linda September 7 at 12:13 AM

I'm so sorry. We will be keeping you and your family in our prayers. Norma will be greatly missed by many.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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