



Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker

February 12, 1923 - August 2, 2013

Norma Kathryn Kirven Walker was greeted with great jubilation and celebration by her Heavenly descendants as she arrived into her Eternal home. In Heaven she was welcomed by her mother, Carrie Montgomery Boone Kirven, her father, Robert Edward Kirven, Jr., her siblings, Marion H. Kirven, Bessie K. Brunson, Dorothea K. DeWitt and Norma's husband, Roland Edward Walker. Those who are left here to lovingly remember her are daughters, Jacqueline Ludrick (Ray) Chambers, Kathryn Ludrick (Roger) Miller, and step-son, Travis Walker. Grandchildren are Monti (Dale) Franckowiak, Tim (Teresa) Gainey, and Jason Beasley. Great grandchildren are Stephen Gainey, Tiffany Phelps, Doug (Jessica) Callahan, Alex (Chandra) Callahan, and Jonathan Franckowiak. Great-great grandchildren are Natalie Femal, Ava Rose Gainey and Benjamin Callahan. Nieces, nephews, and cousins include Sue (TJ) Howard, Deborah (Frank) Lane, Alice Christensen, Nancy (Howard) Underwood, David (Carolyn) DeWitt, Leah D. Law, George Kirven, Margaret Kirven Barwick, Mellie Barwick, and Jimmy Ballard, and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Norma was a direct descendant of the late great American Pioneer, Daniel Boone and American Patriot Captain John Huggins, who fought beside "The Swamp Fox", Francis Marion, during the Revolutionary War. Norma was born in Darlington, South Carolina on February 12, 1923. She was a graduate of St. John's High School in Darlington, SC. She was a Southern lady whose life reflected her innate sense of graciousness. She believed that following the

Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule made life happier for everyone. Norma has been a resident of Stanley Total Living Center in Stanley, NC, for the past eight years where she was President of the Residents' Council, a position which she held with great pride and dignity. Norma was adored by all the nurses, CNAs, staff and residents at STLC, who faithfully assisted her as she courageously fought a chronic illness. Before her passing, the nurses and CNAs held a nightly vigil at Norma's bedside. She was definitely a leader not a follower, and she was tenacious and completed any project with overwhelming success, great enthusiasm and delight.

Norma frequently hosted fun-filled tea parties to the glee of her grandchildren and no one ever left her home without a "goody bag". Norma was brilliant. Her wit and humor added color and fascination to family stories and events, memories which will be cherished by all who were blessed to have known her. She was meticulous. Norma's charm, grace, proper etiquette, good manners, appropriate dress and respect for one's elders were her priority. She was the perfect hostess and valued family dinners and special occasions. Norma took great pleasure in extending hospitality to others in a way that drew them in and made them feel special and loved. Norma's cooking and baking skills showed her expertise in creating culinary masterpieces. She was an accomplished and renown caterer throughout South and North Carolina and famous for her divine French Fudge.

Norma's great strength, courage and perseverance came from her tremendous faith in Jesus Christ. She continuously gave God all the Credit and Glory for everything, for she was richly blessed. Norma was an active member and involved in every aspect of her beloved First Baptist Church, Hartsville, SC, where for 30 years she played the piano and taught music to the Two Year Old Children's Sunday School Class. She was a life-long member of the Sanctuary Choir; Director of the Girl's Auxiliary; President of the Golden Fellowship; a Committee Member for the First Baptist Church Christmas Bazaar, taught the Deaf Sign Language to Hartsville's Senior Residents and started a Deaf Ministry for several churches in Darlington

County. Norma was also a Christian counselor who offered words of wisdom, comfort and love to church members, friends and family.

Norma began playing the piano at the early age of two. Music was a major part of her life and singing was her forte. Norma had perfect pitch .She sang and entertained for the USO during World War II and occasionally with Ted Weames Orchestra. Norma played the piano six years for the Sara McKnight School of Dance in Hartsville, SC. She sang in many civic organizations' theatre performances, weddings and sporting events, all which received rave reviews. Norma's angelic soprano voice was heard in various theatres and accompanied by her talented sister, Dot DeWitt on the Pee Dee Co-op sponsored WHSC Radio Program, "The Dot and Norma Show". She was first runner-up in the Miss Darlington pageant, and a Judge at many State and Local Beauty contests. Norma was for many years the Director of the South Carolina Tobacco Festival. She was a vital partner and leader with the Hartsville Food Distribution. After many years of service to Mr. R.A. Terry, Treasurer of Sonoco Products Company, in Hartsville, SC, Norma retired from the Accounts Receivable Department,

Norma will forever be missed and remembered for her natural beauty, amazing grace, sweet smile, warm hugs, and most importantly sharing her deep Faith and abiding love for Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior.

Arrangements entrusted to Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, 306 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, from 5 – 7 PM. Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church, 104 East Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC, and officiated by Rev. Charles Roberts. Music provided by pianist and organist, Mrs. Kim Roberts, soloist, Mr. Anthony Floyd.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Primary Children's Sunday School Department, First Baptist Church, 104 East Home Avenue Hartsville,

SC, 29550, or to Stanley Total Living Center, 514 Old Mount Holly Road,
Stanley, NC 28164.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Jackie, Kay...bet your Mom is prancin' around Heaven just humming, with that beautiful smile I remember from so long ago...resting in Peace is not an option! She's probably organizing the altoes, and looking for one more tenor who can carry a tune. What a blessing she has been to so many...(sorry this is belated...did not know of her passing 'til late...)

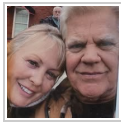
*Love to All,
Arnold Hall*

Arnold Hall - August 08, 2013 at 03:15 PM

JP

“ Kay sorry to hear about your mom. Where do you live now?

Jimmy Peavy - August 07, 2013 at 04:25 PM



Mom (Kay) lives in West Richland, Washington.

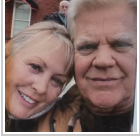
Monti Gray - August 09, 2013 at 05:56 PM

SC

“ Jackie, Ray, Kay and all: Your Mom was a jewel and I have so many fond memories of being at your home, and at church with all our "goings on". She will be welcomed with open arms in heaven. God's blessings on you at this time. Losing our Moms is hard, and we are blessed to have had them. And the things they taught us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Blessings, peace, love, and joy. Sending hugs as well. :-)

Sally Cooke Christian

Sally Cooke Christian - August 06, 2013 at 07:28 PM



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Monti Gray - August 06, 2013 at 10:43 AM



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Monti Gray - August 06, 2013 at 10:37 AM

JE

“ Jackie, Ray & Family, my love, thoughts & prayers are with all of you. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to the wonderful memories of your sweet mother, who was so committed to the Lord, with the anticipation that you know you will see her again. Love, hugs and God's blessings to you and your family.



Jeanette Eberhart - August 05, 2013 at 10:47 PM



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Hello Lucky - August 05, 2013 at 09:33 PM



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Hello Lucky - August 05, 2013 at 09:30 PM

JB

“ Dear cousins Jackie and Kay and other family members:
We all have so many fond memories of your mother and our good times with her. We've lost a saintly lady who loved and cared for so many people and graced us with her smile and sweet Southernly presence. She, along with Dot, loved to entertain people and they were the life of the party or civic club functions every time they tickled the ivories or brought laughter to people with their stories and jokes. The Sara McKnight School of Dance could not have gotten along without them as they accompanied the movement of hundreds of dancers' feet with their music. Every time I went somewhere to perform a tap dance, I could always count on Norma or Dot to go with me! Their WHSC radio show was very popular. While you say that it was sponsored by Pee Dee Electric Coop, my memory tells me that Ballard Electric Company, owned by my parents, was also ONE of the sponsors, having some commercials. My 8th grade homeroom class, with teacher Hilda Bass, presented talent on their show. I did a tap dance on the radio, thanks to their generosity! And I cannot end this tribute without mentioning the close friendship between Norma and my mother, Vi Ballard. Every time they got together, there would usually be a lot of laughter and fun. I also enjoyed my visits to her home where she would always offer me a soda or something she'd baked. She was always glad to see me and so gracious to me. I remember the Christmas Eve nights we spent together at Dot and Ray's house and the parties we had in my parents' basement after those dance recitals! I am thankful to have known her and to be able to cherish the memories of her full and wonderful life. She is at peace now, out of her suffering, leaving to us a model of how to live our lives.

Jimmy Ballard - August 05, 2013 at 06:01 PM

LJ

“ *LIBBY JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker*



LIBBY JOHNSON - August 05, 2013 at 04:34 PM

MW

“ *Jackie,
Even though we have shared emails, I didn't know your mom was so sick. We lost our mother July 22 and thanks so much for your condolences. Now, within a couple of weeks, you have lost your mom. We have so many fond memories of dancing under the music and guidance of Norma and Dot. Bet Norma, Dot and mom are having a good ole time together now. Hope to see you at visitation.
With Love,
Margie Lawhon Watkins and Johnny Lawhon*

Margie Lawhon Watkins - August 05, 2013 at 03:51 PM

AW

“ *Dear Jackie and Kay, Your Mother was such a beautiful lady. I wanted both of you to know that I am thinking of you and all of your family.*

*Fondly,
Anna Andrews Williams*

anna williams - August 05, 2013 at 06:40 AM

JK

“ *JoFrieda Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker*



JoFrieda Kelley - August 05, 2013 at 05:42 AM

BM

“ *Jackie and Kay, I was saddened to learn of Norma's passing. She and I were close friends at Sonoco for many years and had some great times together. She loved her family dearly and talked of you often. I am sorry that I will be out of town this week and will not get to see you, but I will definitely be praying for all the family during this time. May you feel God's presence in a very special way. Love to all of you, Billie McManus*

Billie McManus - August 04, 2013 at 09:12 PM

JP

Kay sorry to hear about your mom. Where do you live now.

Jimmy Peavy - August 07, 2013 at 04:21 PM

BW

“ *She was always so happy, humorous, and nice. As a teen I spent more time with her during Young Women's Missions (I may have the name wrong). After I returned to Hartsville, we renewed our acquaintance on Wednesday night's church. May God bless her and her family.*

Becky Wadsworth Walker

Becky Walker - August 04, 2013 at 04:47 PM

DW

“ *Donna Wadsworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker*



Donna Wadsworth - August 04, 2013 at 04:43 PM

DW

I have many memories of Ms. Norma from growing up in First Baptist and being friends with Leah. Peace of Christ be with you.

Donna Wadsworth - August 04, 2013 at 04:44 PM

TG

“ *From Timothy D. Gainey*

Grandma Norma to me, meant stories of our ancestors; tea parties as a child; riding in an Impala; listening to ragtime songs from the '30's; "Cupid Tissue", the first tissue paper she ever heard of and told me to never forget; learning to make her famous home-made French Fudge and all of her favorite treats!

One of the few places I ever really felt safe growing up was in her home. When everyone else's door was closed to me, hers was always open. My Grandma Norma continued to show me how Christ loves us until I could learn to love myself.

Thank you, Grandma....for that I am most grateful of all.

I will see you soon, love your little Timbucktoo.

Timothy D. Gainey - August 04, 2013 at 03:19 PM

DA

“ Grandparents hold a special place in our hearts, and when we lose them, we lose a special kind of love. They are our heroes, our makers of banana splits, lemonade, and special breakfast every day. Especially when they are our safe havens. Monti I know you both had a special place in each others hearts for one another. Cherish the memories, as she is waiting for you to join her for Tea.

Dale - August 04, 2013 at 02:38 PM

JN

“ We all remember her lovingly and fondly. We hold you in our prayers and are so sorry for your loss. Reading about her life is wonderful.

Janet Norwood - August 04, 2013 at 12:37 PM

PS

“ Pam Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker



Pam Sansbury - August 04, 2013 at 07:53 AM

GB

“ Gloria Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker



gloria butler - August 04, 2013 at 06:34 AM

JB

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Jimmy Ballard - August 03, 2013 at 11:07 PM

JC

This photo was taken in 2006, on Norma's 83rd Birthday at the Country Barn. Shown L - R:

Jimmy Ballard, George Kirven, Margaret Kirven Barwick, Jackie Ludrick Chambers and Norma Kirven Walker.

Jacqueline Ludrick Chambers - August 04, 2013 at 04:09 PM

JB

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Jimmy Ballard - August 03, 2013 at 11:02 PM

JC

Shown in photo L - R::

Mellie Barwick, George Kirven, Margaret Kirven Barwick, Jackie Ludrick Chambers, and the 83 yrs. young Birthday Girl, Norma Kirven Walker.

Jacqueline Ludrick Chambers - August 04, 2013 at 04:13 PM



Norma Walker celebrated her 83rd birthday with these friends and family members: From left, Mellie Barwick, George Kirven, Margaret Kirven Barwick, Jackie Chambers, and Norma

Hello Lucky - August 05, 2013 at 09:21 PM



Norma Walker celebrated her 83rd birthday with these friends and family members: From left, Mellie Barwick, George Kirven, Margaret Kirven Barwick, Jackie Chambers, and Norma

Hello Lucky - August 05, 2013 at 09:22 PM

LM

“ Jackie & Ray-

We are so sorry for your loss.

Mrs. Norma was such a blessing to every person she met. Her smile would light up a room and her grace radiated to all around her. She was a true "Southern Lady" with such poise and grace. She was an inspiration to us all. Her love for every person and her love for the Lord was a blessing to everyone. She touched our family with such love and always made us feel welcome. She was such a good listener. When we would visit, we would spend hours talking and she gave such wonderful encouragement to us. My girls would love to sit and hear the stories Mrs. Norma would tell. Heaven has received an Angel. We love you and will miss you, Mrs. Norma.

*Lisa, Mark, Melissa, Paige McDaniel
Carrie & Corey Staton
Cary, NC*

Lisa McDaniel - August 03, 2013 at 10:14 PM

LT

“ Jackie and Kay: I am so saddened to learn of Norma's passing. I worked with her for years at Sonoco. She was such a kind and sweet lady. I was not aware that she was living in North Carolina even though I had not seen her in a few years. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the difficult days ahead. May God give you peace and comfort in knowing that she is in a better place.



Linda Thompson - August 03, 2013 at 10:06 PM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Kirven Walker



Kent and Linda Gainey - August 03, 2013 at 08:36 PM

KH

“ Jacki and Kay, I'm sorry to hear about your Mother. I remember when she tried to get me to learn "Ballroom Dancing" of course I said no. Miss Norma will surly be missed. What this World has lost Heaven has gained. May God comfort you at this time.

*Kenneth Huggins
Hartsville, SC*

Kenneth Huggins - August 03, 2013 at 04:41 PM

JS

*Jackie and family, our prayers, thoughts and wishes are with you,
Jackie and Brenda Sellers*

Jackie Sellers - August 05, 2013 at 01:23 PM