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Norma Lynn Opel, age 87, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2020. Born January 3, 1933 in Coolidge, Arizona to Harry and Icie Watson Pinkerton.

Mom was a homemaker, wife and mother. Norma authored *Rain Falls On Rich and Poor* and *Accomplished Singer*. She was known as Mom not only to her 6 sons, but also to dozens of people that were no blood relation to her. She was an outstanding mother and friend. Truly a woman that followed the example of our Savior.

Norma is survived by her sons, Mike and Dan Opel, David and Dennis Johnson, Mark and Chris Opel; 30 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, September 4, 2020 at the Pleasant View 1st Ward, 650 Stadium Ave, Provo, Utah with a viewing to begin at 9:00 am.

Private Interment to follow at Provo City Cemetery, 610 South State Street, Provo, Utah.



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CO

Chris Opel sent a virtual gift in honor of Norma.



As her youngest son I believe I am the most blessed in some ways because for some period of time I was alone with her for a while. My earliest memories of my mom were her taking care of me. I was a very brittle diabetic from the time I was 18 months old and I remembered mom crying nearly every time she gave me a shot. I remember her doing calisthenics every morning usually before I was awake. Sometimes I would come out early enough to do them with her. Part of her workout was trying to touch her nose with her tongue. She would walk around for ten minutes like that . She said it would prevent double chins. It did, on the day she passed she never had a double chin. As I grew up she was both mother and father to me most of the time. The best memories I have were at bedtime when my brother Mark would sit on one side of my mom and I on the other and she would read stories to us and she would always give in when we asked for one more book. The best part of the nighttime ritual was prayers and songs. Mom was very dedicated to the Lord although we didn't attend any church because she had not found the right one. After prayers came songs. Mom would stand in the doorway and sing so beautifully we would feel uplifted with every note. Our last song was the same every night. Go to sleep my little children hushaby my little children, mommy loves you and the Lord above you go to sleep my Mark and Chrissy. Thanks for being such a wonderful friend and mom I will love you forever and see you soon.

August 28 at 5:20 PM

LC

Leishaanne Corbett posted:

I loved being close to Grandma Norma. Every visit she would remind me how good and whole I am. Her term of endearment was "you sweet sweet girl". I loved her smiles and her humor. Talking with her was always so enlightening, thoughtful, and full.

August 28 at 9:33 AM

BW

Barry Wray posted:

Norma was such a wonderful and caring friend. Norma was like a caring and loving angel to everyone she met. It was an honor to teach 2 of her grandchildren Stuart and Jennifer. She helped me to learn about the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I will always be indebted to Norma, Becky and her son Chris. i always enjoyed talking about politics and world events with her. She taught me about compassionate service to help others.

August 28 at 8:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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