



Norma Elsie Grimes

September 5, 1930 - May 2, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Norma Elsie Grimes.

Norma Elsie Grimes of Woodstock, Virginia was born in Washington D.C. on September 5, 1930. She was the youngest child of Troylous Franklin and Carrie Virginia Lee Johnson and sister to six siblings, all of whom predeceased her. She was married for forty-six years to Guy A. Grimes Sr. (deceased) and is survived by her children Guy A. Grimes Jr. (Christina) of Scottsville, Virginia, Terry B. Grimes (Karen) of Fort Valley Virginia, and Lisa M. Grimes of Utica, New York, as well as grandchildren Megan E. Syverson (Brian) of Columbus, Ohio and Ashley A. Ferlin (Curtis) of Havelock, North Carolina. She was predeceased by a grandson, Matthew C. Grimes. She leaves behind thirteen great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and dear friends Betty Britt of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Jane King of Fort Valley, Virginia.

Over the years Norma enjoyed assisting the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fort Valley Fire Department and was a 25-year Volunteer at Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital. She was an avid reader and enjoyed travelling with friends in the U.S. and abroad. Most of all, she loved talking with people and learning about their lives. She will be missed by many.

Per Norma's request, there will be a private burial at the Charles Emerson Walters cemetery in Fort Valley. The family will hold a memorial service at a

later date. In lieu of flowers Norma requested that donations be made to the Fort Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Charles Emerson Walters Cemetery

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I met Norma at Food Lion. I was blessed to become her friend and loved hearing her wonderful stories she would share about her life. She would love to show pictures of her family and how proud of them she was. Norma will always have a special place in my heart. My condolences to her family and to everyone that met and loved her.

Shari Miller

Shari Miller - November 03, 2023 at 02:08 PM

NB

“ I met Norma when I moved to the apartments in Woodstock. We became great friends from the start. We shared many laughs over the years. She was always funny, sweet and caring. And, did I mention bossy? I always teased her that she was more bossy than my mom. She loved talking about her kids and grandkids. She was loved by everyone who knew her. I feel blessed to have had her in my life. I will miss you dear lady and will always remember the fun times. 🥺

Nancy Brearey - May 05, 2023 at 04:19 PM

RH

“ Richard Higgins lit a candle in memory of Norma Grimes



Richard Higgins - May 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM

LR

“ I met Norma in April of 2021 while we were both shopping at Food Lion. I could tell she needed a little help and offered but she adamantly refused. (I was a stranger with a mask on so that was a fair response.) But later when I went to check out I saw that she was behind me and I again offered to help her get her groceries to the car. (Again I got the same response.)

I went back to my grandmother's house and was unloading the car and I happened to look over and there stands the lady from Food Lion at her mailbox. So I jokingly yelled out, hey next time let me help you. She looked up and said well I didn't know you were my neighbor.

We had moved in with my grandma for several weeks while she was in hospice.

From then on she would sit outside on her porch each day and wait for Hattie (my dog) and me to come outside so she could chat. Our visits with Norma were a nice break in the midst of watching my grandma slowly leave us. She loved Hattie cause she didn't bark or lick and always smiled at her.

Even after my grandma passed we kept in touch by phone and two quick visits when we were in town. She always asked about Hattie and she was always eager to talk about her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. She was also fond of all the people in town that came to visit, drop off groceries, or take her to supper.

I will miss my chats with Norma. She was a great friend during a really hard period in my life.

Ps- Hattie left me on Saturday so I guess Norma was surprised to see her standing at the gate grinning at her when she arrived.

Norma had a life well lived. I will miss her.

Laura Ritenour
Richmond, VA

Laura Ritenour - May 04, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JA

“ *John Anderson lit a candle in memory of Norma Grimes*



John Anderson - May 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM

GW

“ *Gail Walker lit a candle in memory of Norma Grimes*



Gail Walker - May 03, 2023 at 08:41 AM