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THE LIFE OF



NORMA JEAN KEELINGS

March 20, 1940 ~ September 25, 2020



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Psalms

Chapter 23

- 1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
- 5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.⁶**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Norma Jean Keeling, 80, of Maumelle, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on March 20, 1940 to the late Horace J. and Fay Jean Smith Fikes.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Emmit “Woody” Keeling. She is survived by her brother and sister, Horace “Buck” Fikes (Laurie) and Linda Edwards (Duane), numerous nieces and nephews and extended family that will miss her.

On the day after her graduation from college she married the love of her life “Woody”. Norma had received her Masters Degree in Elementary Education and taught for 39 years. Her first six years in North Little Rock and the last thirty-three were in Indianapolis, Indiana. She had belonged to numerous teaching clubs and organization over the years and was also a member of the Maumelle Newcomers. Norma and Woody opened their home to family and friends as they loved to entertain, both being great cooks and loved cooking together. One of their most rewarding cooking experiences was cooking for the Heart Transplant survivors in Indianapolis. Her family is certainly going to miss their family gatherings at her table.

Gardening and reading was a big part of Norma’s life as you could find her with more than one book open at all times. She and Woody were travelers, whether it being a month in Florida during the winter or their trips to Arizona and all points in between. Family was a big part of Norma’s life that she loved and cherished dearly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Baptist Health Transplant Institute Program, 9601 Baptist Health Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205 or to CARTI; CARTI Foundation, PO Box 55011 Little Rock, AR 72215 or carti.ejoinme.org/donation

There will be a Visitation Memorial Tribute to Celebrate Norma’s Life on Monday, September 28, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. Please visit www.smithfamilycares.com for online guest register.