



## Norma Johnson Woy

September 2, 1932 - October 9, 2020

Norma Johnson Woy, age 88, formerly of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, died peacefully on October 9, 2020, at Seasons Hospice after complications from a fall. Norma was the daughter of Loy and Aline Johnson and was born September 2, 1932, in Spartanburg, SC. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar A. Woy, daughter, Meg Woy Beers, and brothers Eden Johnson and Yates Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Beth Callahan and son-in-law Jack Callahan of Suwanee, Georgia; granddaughter Quinn Callahan Wicks (husband Bill) currently stationed in Vicenza, Italy; grandson John Callahan (wife Mary) of South Windsor, Connecticut; six great-grandchildren; Tommy, Julie, and Devon Wicks and Margaret, Sean, and Claire Callahan; brother-in-law Russell Woy (wife Janet), sisters-in-law Alice Johnson, Martha Johnson, and Anna Johnson Soderburg as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Norma was a 1954 graduate of Furman University. She met her husband Ed during her senior year, and they married in July 1954. They were stationed for two years at a USAF base near Nagoya, Japan. In 1956, they moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where they made their home for the next fifty-two years together. Norma was an elementary school teacher in Oak Ridge City Schools for thirty years and retired in 1994. She loved her career at Linden Elementary School and enjoyed working with the staff and students there. In addition, Norma enjoyed music throughout her life. She played the piano and violin, sang in church choirs, and was a devoted patron of the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association.

Norma and Ed were involved in numerous church and Oak Ridge civic activities including Girl Scouts, Girls' Club, ORCMA, AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma, Crown Monarch Auxiliary, Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (ORICLE), and the League of Women Voters. Norma was active in all of these organizations and also enjoyed playing bridge with her dear Oak Ridge friends. She and Ed enjoyed many years of domestic and international travel before and during their retirement years as well.

Norma moved from Oak Ridge to Georgia in 2018 to live closer to her daughter. The

family would like to thank the staff of Wickshire South Lee Assisted Living in Buford, Georgia for their compassion and care over the past two and a half years.

Since travel is difficult at this time, a private burial at Honey Creek Woodlands in Conyers, Georgia, will be planned with the family in the future.

The family asks that any memorials be made in Norma's memory to the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association 118 E. Division Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Honey Creek Woodlands

2625 Highway 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Johnson Woy*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Woy was my 4th grade teacher at Linden Elementary. She was an excellent teacher and a kind, caring human being. My condolences to the family for their loss.*

**Linda Ray** - December 03, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Mrs. Woy made such an impact on my life.  
I was the luckiest girl  
In the world  
To have Mrs. Woy for my student teaching teacher.  
She loved life, her family,  
Her church and God  
Thank you for the positive impact on my life.  
I look forward to seeing you and Mr.  
Woy again. Love, Lori*

**Lori M. Fleener** - October 24, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ *From our Family to yours, we are so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very special person and an inspiration to me and my Family.*

*Words can be so trite at times like this but, I hope you can take comfort in knowing that your Mother lives on in you and you will pass on her strength, wisdom, and love to your Family. I hope that you find comfort in knowing that your Mother made such a positive difference in the world and She now resides with our Heavenly Father.*

*With Deepest Sympathies our prayers are with you and your Family,*

*Greg, Christine, Athena & Abram Lester*

**Greg Lester** - October 20, 2020 at 12:08 PM

BG

“ My name is Bill Goldsmith and Mrs. Woy was my 4th grade teacher at Linden Elementary School back in 1979-1980. I was just thinking about her and the impact she, and many other wonderful Oak Ridge teachers had on me as I am now in my 20th year of teaching high school English just outside of Washington, D.C. She showed a true, deep commitment to all of her students, and I will never forget her. My deepest condolences go out to her friends and family in this time of loss.

*Bill Goldsmith*

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**bill goldsmith** - October 19, 2020 at 04:47 PM

BB

“ We were so sorry to learn of Norma’s death. From my work with Norma at Linden as well as her teaching both of our children, Gail and I recognized Norma as a wonderful teacher and a very special person. You have our sincerest condolences.

*Bill and Gail Burris*

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**Bill and Gail Burris** - October 17, 2020 at 10:28 AM

JE

“ Dear Beth and family,  
Bob and I send you our deepest sympathy. We loved your mom. She was a model teacher for me at Linden when I was new to the classroom (and for many years after.) That first year, our son, William, was in her class. Each night I would look in his backpack to see what she had taught so I could teach it the next day. She knew just how to challenge children and let them have fun with competition—especially in math. No one on the lower level could go up the stairs faster than she! Your mom also helped with Bob’s campaign for the school board—he really appreciated that. One of her special qualities that I admired was the way she could be completely honest while being kind.

*She loved the Lord* ✝️

*We send love and prayers to all of you* 💖

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**Jean Eby** - October 15, 2020 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ Beth, my deepest condolences to you and all your family. Norma was such a wonderful person and meant so much to me. She was very supportive when I first became librarian at Linden, and continued to encourage me when I retired and started doing some writing. We also took some trips together at ORICL. She was a courageous person and always had a smile to give. Remembered with love.

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**Melanie Harless** - October 14, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JH

“ Dear Beth,

*On behalf of my husband Bill and I, please accept our sincere sympathy and caring thoughts.*

*Norma was a dear friend and bridge buddy for many years. She taught our son Greg at Linden and perhaps Lisa when she and June Smitherman team taught. We were both long time supporter of Girls Inc., formerly The Girls Club, as members of Monarch. We enjoyed many years in the same bridge club, and even after her stroke she continued to play, even though it was a challenge for her.*

*She was a lovely Southern lady and a benefactor of many civic organizations. She weathered personal tragedy and illness with bravery and optimism. She cherished her family and enjoyed sharing activities of the grandchildren, especially.*

*Norma leaves us with many fond memories.*

*Julia Hoppe  
101 Amanda Place  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
e-mail: hopbj@aol.com*

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**Julia G. Hoppe** - October 14, 2020 at 03:35 PM

CE

“ *Beth....I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of her while I was growing up in Oak Ridge and as friends with my parents. Prayers of peace and comfort for you and your family. Cynthia McCauley Eubanks*

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**Cynthia Eubanks** - October 13, 2020 at 08:46 PM

SU

“ God bless you, Ms. Norma. This photo is from Halloween 2015 in her yard. Norma is the fourth from the left. Thank you for all your kindnesses to us and for making our neighborhood fun. We always miss you.



Susan - October 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

TH

“ Ms Norma I am Going to Miss Your Smiling Face Every Morning For Fitness Exercise  
Your Favorite was "Reach for The Sky"  
Thank You Beth and Norma for Being Part of Our Family❤️  
You are in My Thoughts  
Sending Hugs❤️

Toni (Wooooo Hoooo) - October 10, 2020 at 09:51 PM

RP

“ Dear Beth and family,  
We are so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She certainly lived a fulfilling life. May you find comfort in knowing that your mom is free from pain and is in God's care, reunited with your dad and other family members. You are in our prayers.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Ruthie and Brad Patch

Ruth and Brad Patch - October 10, 2020 at 07:12 PM

TO

“ Ms Norma I m Gonna Miss seeing Your Smile Every Morning for Fitness Class, You enjoyed so Much  
Thank You for Having Me Be Part of Your Life❤️  
Beth, Thinking of You and Your Family  
Sending Big Hugs❤️  
Love, Toni (Wooo Hooo)

Toni - October 10, 2020 at 06:50 PM

LA

“ Me. Norma was such an amazing woman so sweet, loving, funny. Just an amazing woman to have had in my (our) life. To Beth and the rest of Ms. Norma’s family I’m truly sorry for your loss please find comfort in this scripture (Revelations 21:4) it’s never easy losing a loved one but I hope you find comfort in knowing one day all death and pain will be done away with. I love you and will keep you in my prayers!

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**Lauren** - October 10, 2020 at 03:14 PM

CD

“ Norma Woy was a special friend. We enjoyed her friendship for 30 years in Oak Ridge and continued that friendship after she moved to Georgia. She and Ed were a vital part of our church and community and we will always remember them with gratitude.



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**Carolyn Dipboye** - October 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM