



Norma Casey Byrd

July 5, 1941 - May 28, 2014

Norma Casey Byrd, 72, of Orlando, passed away May 28, 2014. She will be deeply missed by her loving family; Sons: Ken Ford and Ron Hankins (Nadine Monico); Grandchildren: Chassidy K. Patoni (Chris), Casey Simone Hankins, Jake Nicholas Hankins, Brian VanBuhler, and Cierra Rose Monico; Great Granddaughter: Emma Grace VanBuhler; Sisters: Faye Rourke and Louvenia Henderson; and many nieces and nephews.

"Footprints in the Sand"

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ We will not be afraid of bad news of death , because our heart is made reliant on our God. Psalms 112:7,8 learn more at www.jw.org

Michael Marbury - July 21, 2014 at 08:02 AM

CH

“ Happy birthday maw maw!!!

chassidy - July 05, 2014 at 05:12 PM

CP

“ Maw Maw,

The world is a sadder place to me now! A part of my world is gone and I wish everyday that I could just hear your voice. No one will ever know how much you meant to me and the things I'll never forget that shaped me into who i am today! You always told me that if

Someone doesn't like you who cares there's plenty of people who Do and will and I love you always for that! You were always someone I could talk to no matter what and someone who had my back someone that we could stay up

All night laughing like a couple of teenagers... Well I was a teenager. I wish you could be here and meet chris and I baby. I know you would love them to death! I know your watching please watch over us and I know I will see you again. I miss you with all my heart and love you always always!!!

Chassidy

chassidy patoni - June 27, 2014 at 03:40 PM

RL

“ To my Aunt Norma, GOD knows how I will miss you. You were the one I would turn to when I had a question anout an old song, if I had a joke to tell, or in many cases, just needed someone to talk to. Your passing has left a hole in mine and Moms hearts that wont be filled by anyone else, but we both know that you arent struggling for air anymore. I Love you and miss you so very much. Love, Ricky.



Rich (Ricky) Lott - June 15, 2014 at 09:31 AM

JJ

“ May your family be comforted in this time of need and allow love to be the foundation that continues to keep your family strong. May God bring you peace and everlasting love always.



*Peace and blessings,
Jatora & Family*

Jatora Jordan-Brown - June 08, 2014 at 11:34 AM

AE

“ To Norma's Family,

In the short time that we have known Norma, we came to appreciate why she has such a loving and caring family. Her bright smile and expressive eyes always lit up the party. It is a tribute to Norma that we have come to understand why we were so quickly and kindly "adopted" by the family. Our only regret is that we had shared such a short time on this earth with Norma, but boy what an impression she made on us. All we can say is, "Norma, keep those guns firing!"

*Love to you all,
Aron and Roger*

Aron Eisenkeit - June 07, 2014 at 02:34 PM

JR

“ *Jerry and Deborah Ford. Bob and Faith Rourke purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.*



Jerry and Deborah Ford. Bob and Faith Rourke - June 07, 2014 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.*



June 07, 2014 at 07:57 AM

RA

“ Randy, Arlene and Andrew purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.



Randy, Arlene and Andrew - June 06, 2014 at 05:57 PM

BF

“ Sweet Chassidy,
My heart breaks for you knowing the sadness you are feeling with losing not only your "MawMaw" but your dear friend. I know you and MawMaw shared a special bond, many conversations and traits. MawMaw was a special person to many people. What an impact and blessing she was to our family here in Texas. I know I speak for us all ---Terry, April, Josh, Casey, Brinda Kay, Granny, Grandpa, Roy, Rita and of course myself when I say MawMaw was one of a kind and will be truly missed and loved by us all.
May God lift you and your Hankins Family up in prayer and bring comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain and is probably dancing from cloud to cloud and of course singing!!! I love you,
*** MOMMA ****

BOATWRIGHT FAMILY - June 05, 2014 at 09:19 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.



June 04, 2014 at 10:48 AM

JT

“ To the family, please except my sincere condolences over the loss of your dear loved one. . In the Bible, we find the wonderful hope of a resurrection (John 5:28 & 29).... Rev 21:4 promises that soon mourning, pain, and even death will be a thing of the past. At that time, according to Isaiah 33:24, No Resident will say “I am sick”, until then, may your precious memories carry you through and may the God of all tender mercies be a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Joyce T. - June 03, 2014 at 02:09 PM

NM

“ Ron & Nadine,

Kelly and I are sorry for your loss. I never meet your mother but I do know they are the glue that holds the family together. She did good with you Ron! Hold onto her wisdom and memories.

With our love and prayers,
Nancy & Kelly McAnally

Nancy McAnally - June 03, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ Dearest One Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.



June 02, 2014 at 12:48 AM

SK

“ *Ron & Nadine,*

We are so sorry for your loss, this is a loss to us all. Mawmaw was an amazing woman and strongest woman we will ever know. Norma reminded Shane of his own grandma and they even have the same name. She was never afraid of anything and had so much love to give.

*We love you guys,
Shane & Kelly Clark*

Shane & Kelly - June 01, 2014 at 07:36 PM

SC

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Shane & Kelly Clark - June 01, 2014 at 07:31 PM



“ *Jack Summrall was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:57 AM



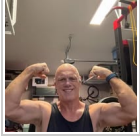
“ *Angie Strickland was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:56 AM

AS

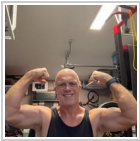
Hey Ronnie this is Angie sorry to hear about Aunt Norma I loved her and will miss hearing from her she is with my mama now how mama loved her hope to see ya in jones co my number is 601-498-1930

angie walters strickland - June 03, 2014 at 01:47 PM



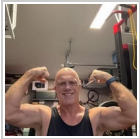
“ *Sheila Strickland Busby was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *Bubba Strickland was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *Jerry Allan Ford was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *Billy Tolbert was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - June 01, 2014 at 09:55 AM

AJ

“ We are so , so very sorry for you guys but remember as you greave she is in a wonderful place now. Hang on to all the memories you made with her. She was a wonderful person. She is smiling down from up above.. God will help you threw your pain. We love all you guys. Sorry we could not be there but your were and still are in our thoughts and prayers.. Please let us know if you need anything or just need to talk. We are here for you.
Thoughts and Prayers, Angie and Charlie Jones



Angie and Charlie Jone - June 01, 2014 at 07:41 AM

CJ

“ Cherlie And Angie Jones lit a candle in memory of Norma Casey Byrd



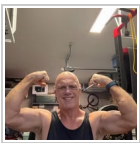
Cherlie and Angie Jones - June 01, 2014 at 07:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.

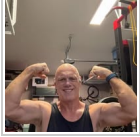


May 31, 2014 at 10:09 PM



“ Tommy Tolbert was added to the Family Tree.

Coonass Hankins - May 31, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ *Richard Lott was added to the Family Tree.*

Coonass Hankins - May 31, 2014 at 02:42 PM

MK

“ *From the first time that we met Norma, we could tell that she was one of a kind. Norma was as full of life as could be, kind, loving, funny...just a very wonderful person....We've never met anyone like her, and are so thankful and blessed to know her. One thing is certain...she was ALWAYS proud of both of her boys, Ron and Ken. She doted on them constantly. We will miss her so very much...her gorgeous eyes and constant beautiful smile. Rest in peace lovely lovely lady....thank you for the unforgettable memories that we were able to share with you...as the saying goes...God has you in his arms, but we will have you in our hearts forever....love you, Mike and Ronda*

Michael and Ronda Kowalske - May 31, 2014 at 01:37 PM



“ *Ken Ford lit a candle in memory of Norma Casey Byrd*



Ken Ford - May 31, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Ford - May 31, 2014 at 09:47 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Ford - May 31, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Ford - May 31, 2014 at 09:40 AM

KF

“ As I sit down with the intention of telling the world about how special my Mother was, I know I will somehow fall short. Mom touched the life's of many people during her time with us and it is very special to me that I was allowed the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with her at the end of her life. I was most privileged.

She loved to sit out in the garage with the door up and watch the world go by and we had many wonderful conversations out in that garage. She had many opinions on the world and everyone's place in it. However, there was one reoccurring thyme. She used to ask me if I was happy and then tell me that I, myself, was the only person that could make me happy. That happiness came from the inside. From how we see ourselves as a person. She was right in my opinion. I used to ask her about her own happiness and she would respond by telling me that as long as Ronnie and myself were alright then she was happy. She used to say, as long as my boys are happy then I'm happy.

I walked into the Walgreen's where she filled her prescriptions the other day and after I told the lady Mom's name and informed her I needed to pick up her prescription. The woman went on and on about how much everyone there loved Mom. How she would come through the drive through and was so sweet. How Mom had called her "sweet darling" and what a nice lady she was.

I don't know why I wanted to share that, but I will say that it's a great way to remember Mom. As a lady who could touch someone's life's in a positive way

Here's something you may not know about her, She used to love to brag and expound on how great her son's were. I would be in the kitchen and could hear her talking on the phone to someone and she would be telling them all about how Ronnie was very successful and how hard he worked. Or how he had such a nice home and how hard Nadine worked to keep it all together and how much Ronnie loved her. I've even had the privilege of hearing her brag a bit on myself. She used to ask me to get my guitar and sing her a song. She would sit there and listen to something I had written then tell me how it was a hit song. She'd say, "That was a great one,baby" and even if I knew better it was still wonderful to hear.

Yvonne told me not long ago that life was all about the little moments that we have together and how we should give people memories, instead of gifts. I've got a feeling that she was exactly right, and the most import thing we can do for anyone is to share our time and make memories. Please remember that the next time someone you love wants to spend time with you, " go make a memory".

I'd like to thank all the people that have reached out to Ron and myself through all this, that too is a memory I'll not soon forget.

God Bless,

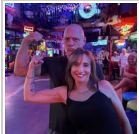
Ken Ford

Ken Ford - May 31, 2014 at 09:38 AM

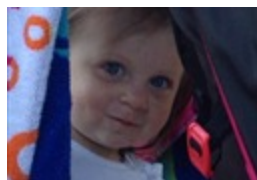
MD

That was so sweet. I'm Thankful for the memories we have made. Peace brother.

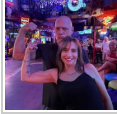
Mark and Vicki DeCaro - May 31, 2014 at 11:31 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Grandkids and More!*



Nadine Monico - May 31, 2014 at 09:23 AM



I will miss you very much mom! I will miss our times hanging out together, raising hell! You were so much fun! And so loving. And thank you for being so helpful to me through the years that you were healthy and feeling good, helping with dinner and supporting me in every way. All of your grandchildren love you very much and will miss you greatly. They all know how special each of them were to you. I know that you are watching over all of us. I love you.

Nadine Monico - May 31, 2014 at 09:29 AM

BK

“ *Norma was a good step mother to me helped me a lot and loved her very much.*

brenda koah - May 31, 2014 at 08:52 AM

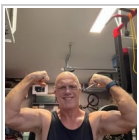
 Tina
Hankins
Sims

“ I love you Baby Brother and if there was anything I could do to take away your sorrow and your pain, I would. I loved your mom and I have some very very good memories of her. I can still hear her singing as we were driving down the road when you and her would come get me to spend the weekend. I would always ask her to sing Rub a Dub Dub. I wish I could remember all of the words to it. And we can not forget you fabulous rendition of "Your the one in a million" lol I remember how she would rub her thumb against the side of her index finger as she was driving. She did it every time. lol I love you my brother and I will leave you with this, my all time favorite song she sung....

M Is for the Many things she gave me,
O Means only that she's growing Old.
T Is for the Tears she shed to save me,
H Is for her Heart of purest gold.
E Is for her Eyes with love light shining,
R Means Right and Right she'll always be.

*Put them all together, They spell MOTHER.
A word that means the world to me*

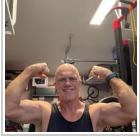
Tina Hankins Sims - May 30, 2014 at 10:10 PM



“ Coonass Hankins lit a candle in memory of
Norma Casey Byrd



Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



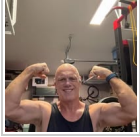
Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



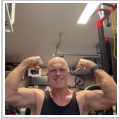
Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:44 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:41 PM



Jake Hankins

Coonass Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:43 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:41 PM

RA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Rachel - May 30, 2014 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.*



May 30, 2014 at 03:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Norma was ornery And she was friendly, kind, warm, generous and very loving; she adored her family and desired the very best for her sons and grand children, as a matter of fact, Norma showered us all with love and we will miss her and keep her in our hearts forever; so-long my friend.*

Liz Luciano - May 30, 2014 at 03:32 PM

DJ

“ I really don't remember much about your mom, Ronnie. What I am grateful for is that she gave us you!! What a wonderful gift we got!! So sorry she's gone. Much love and prayers for you and your family.

Dana Pendland Jones - May 30, 2014 at 02:13 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 12:17 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 12:17 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 12:15 PM

RH

“ Welcome everyone to moms tribute wall. I don't really know where to start. Mom was the strongest person I've ever known. She battled Polio, Breast Cancer, Melanoma, Congested Heart Failure, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease not to mention the people she had to overcome.

I remember tough times as a kid but also how fun and loving mom was. She always found a way for us and persevered through any hardship. She was sick much of the last few years but still seemed to enjoy little things like talking to her sisters and family around the country, spending time with the grand children, eating biscuits and honey buns, and doing cross word puzzles.

I miss her more than I ever thought possible and wish I'd have taken more time away from work and other things to spend with her.

You all know know if she was here now, she'd tell us all to stop the crying and just take care of what we need to.

Everyone, please take the time to write a short note about your memory or time you spent with her.

She was a great woman that taught me how to live in this world and how to love people. She will be missed but I know she is walking with God and her suffering days are over.

Ron Hankins

Ron Hankins - May 30, 2014 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Norma Casey Byrd.



May 30, 2014 at 08:59 AM