



Esther R. Norton

September 9, 1928 - August 13, 2020

Esther Ruth Hodges Norton (September 9, 1928 - August 13, 2020), of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully at the age of 91 in her home in Elmendorf, Texas, surrounded by her family. She was a wonderful Christian role model, loved gardening, sewing, and caring for her family. We were blessed to have her in our lives. Our memories of her will remain with us forever.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 17 years, Leonard S. Norton Sr.

She is survived by: daughter, Deborah and husband, Roger Smoot; daughter, Katherine Dear; son, John Wells; daughter, Lisa and husband Bil Ragsdale; and son, Leonard S. Norton Jr. and wife, Jennifer. Her grandchildren: Douglas and Tina Dear; Troy and Amanda Smoot; Tiffany and Kieran Geehan; Denise and Terry Henrickson-Dear; Brenda and Andrew Zinger; Audrey and Jared Overton; Jenna Luise Norton; Leonard S. Norton III (Trey); Dawn and husband Randy Gibbon, Marc Ragsdale, Daniel and wife Maranda Ragsdale and numerous great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was a charter and active member of Harlandale Church of Christ, which later became Southeast Church of Christ, until becoming homebound.

Our family would like to thank Deborah Smoot, Kathy Dear and Lisa Ragsdale for the many years of compassionate care they provided for their mother. It was their 24/7 care of Esther (Mawmaw) that has taught us all what self-sacrifice and “Honor your Father and Mother” look like.

The family gives special recognition to San Antonio Home Health, especially Christi, Lance, Brittany, and Penny who cared for mom for many years. Also, Vitas Hospice, who were so helpful in keeping the family informed of the “end of life” timeline. Special recognition to Teresita. Mother so enjoyed her massages and very tender care. Lastly, to the special doctors over the many years that cared for our mom and enhanced her life, Dr. Juanita Sprute, Dr. Randal White, and Dr. Amna Salhin.

Due to the the CDC safety precautions there will be limited seating, services can be viewed live stream or on the outdoor screen provided by Mission Park South 1700 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, Tx. Visitation will be Friday, August 21st, 2020 at 10am followed by a service at 11am.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation 10223 McAllister Fwy #100, San Antonio, Tx. 78216.

For online viewing go to www.missionparks.com, click on obituaries, find Esther’s obituary, and click on the tribute wall.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

San Antonio, TX 78214

(210) 924-4242

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Esther R. Norton*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM

MM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family. May GOD bless. Michael Muns*

Michael Muns - August 21, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SS

“ I will always remember her, walking out of her kitchen, hands on her hips, welcoming us (and anyone) to her home. She always had a BIG smile on her face, nothing fazed her and she always made everything fun. Of course, my favorite thing about her was when she would say, "Sheri, I think you're my daughter, not Addie Lee's! We are so much alike." (Or something to that effect.) We were both obsessed with animals and loved to have fun. She seemed to just love EVERYBODY and was so thrilled when we would come visit. In true Hodges style, both Mom and Aunt Toodie and I think Big Sis might be involved in this, too, was that no matter the Holiday, it would always run late because everyone was talking, laughing, being distracted by all the commotion and having trouble 'staying on task', hahahaha! Loved being there for visits and playing with my cousin, Lisa. There were never any negatives or bad times, there. She ran a house fueled by JOY. She's now in Heaven with all of her siblings and our sweet Grandmother. She's probably been put in charge of all the animals and is head of the 'Welcoming Committee. Bon Voyage, Aunt Toodie. We will laugh again one day. Ride your wild horses!

Sheri Sisco - August 21, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ Condolences to the Wells and Norton Family on the death of their beautiful mom, grandma and great grandma, she will be loved and missed.

Joan Braeckett

Joan Braeckett - August 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mawmaws passing. I will always look back on my memories of her and smile. As a young child living out of state, I used to ask myself “Will she even remember me?” whenever we would visit, and of course she did! Walking into her home, I would feel like I never left as I was met with all of her questions about life and how things were going. And that smile! She knew how to light up a room. I always felt so welcome and at home around her. Now that I’m older, I wish I could’ve had one last chat with her but am so grateful for all the conversations we’ve had. My condolences to everyone. Mawmaw was truly blessed with a long, and amazing life, and we are so blessed to have been a part of it.

Sierra Reboul - August 21, 2020 at 11:14 AM

AM

“ Condolences to all the Wells/Norton family. May God give you peace and comfort. She was a beautiful and funny Godly lady that touched the lives of so many.. She will truly be missed.
Love
Alice Martinez

Alice Martinez - August 21, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Esther R. Norton.



August 20, 2020 at 09:42 AM

Christi
Jessen

“ We are so sorry to hear of Esther's passing, our deepest sympathies and condolences to all of you. Many of us worked with Esther over the years, and we truly were blessed to have been able to meet her and be a part of her life. We often share stories and memories of her, she was always keeping us on our toes. She was very much loved and will be missed dearly. Love, Jessica, Christi, and all of us at Bridgemoor.



Christi Jessen - August 19, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LT

“ Liberty Signs Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Esther R. Norton.



Liberty Signs Team - August 19, 2020 at 01:51 PM

LW

“ Lucia, Nicolette, Katrina wagner purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Esther R. Norton.



Lucia, Nicolette, Katrina wagner - August 18, 2020 at 06:57 PM

PA

“ John, Lisa, Lenny, et al,

Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences for your loss. The memories are numerous and the years are many since first meeting the Norton family at Lackland Terrace. I vividly remember Esther and all the line of kids (Nortons & fosters) following her into church and the endless support to the church's bus ministry efforts.

Additionally, how Esther would ask me how "Johnny's" training was going back when you entered basic training. I told her, "He has a nice haircut (ha) and he's blending in with 47 other "little green" men.

Hopefully the coming days will be easier instead of difficult.

Patrick Andrews

Patrick Andrews - August 17, 2020 at 08:21 AM

TW

Such a beautiful person. Our loss is Heaven's gain. The song and accompaniment were fantastic.

Tom Woodard

Tom Woodard - August 21, 2020 at 12:45 PM