



Verna Mae (Chitwood) Norris

August 23, 1943 - December 24, 2025

Verna Mae (Chitwood) Norris was born August 23, 1943, in Blair Creek, Missouri, near Ellington. She was the daughter of Willard “Jack” and Lucille (Smith) Chitwood. At the age of fifteen, on January 31, 1959, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Arnold Norris, and to this union blessed with two daughters.

Verna was a dedicated homemaker and the heart of her family. She devoted her life to her husband and children, ensuring her home was always filled with warmth, love, and kindness. Her greatest joy in life came from spending time with her grandsons and great-granddaughter.

Verna knew how to make her family feel special, especially around the holidays. Her yard was always surrounded by beautiful flower beds that she loved to tend to. She was especially gifted at baking pies; coconut cream and pineapple cream were some of her family favorites. When she was younger, she loved to crochet and made herself a tablecloth and several doilies.

Verna departed this life Wednesday, December 24, 2025, in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of eighty-two years. She is survived by her daughters: Brenda Norris of Salem, MO and Vickie Martin and husband Johnny of Salem, MO; siblings: John Chitwood and Jan of Birch Tree, MO, Dolley Smith of Springfield, MO, Lorean McBride of West Plains, MO, and Gerald Chitwood and Virginia of

Birch Tree, MO; grandsons: Austin Martin and wife Samantha and Adam Martin and wife Savannah; great-granddaughter: Olivia; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were husband: Arnold Norris; parents: Willard "Jack" Chitwood and Lucille (Smith) Chitwood; brother: Donald Chitwood; and grandson: Stephan Martin.

Her journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and faith in the Lord. The memories she leaves behind will be treasured forever by those who loved her most. Verna will be deeply missed.

Graveside Services were held Saturday, December 27, 2025, in the Cedar Grove Cemetery with Pastor Charlie Younger officiating.

Condolences may be left online at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM.

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ *We love you, Verna Mae!*



Crystal Floyd - December 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM

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“ *I always liked Aunt Verna. I remember all the birds that she had and the Exotic chickens. My daughter, Lauren, would have loved her so much if she had known her after she was grown. She is our family chicken lady now. 😊 I will never forget her.*

Lynne Norris - December 25, 2025 at 10:44 PM