



## Norma Bishop

July 2, 1917 - August 10, 2013

Norma was born in Tally Bend, near Lowry City, Missouri on July 2, 1917 to Rev D. D. Tally and Ethel Baker Tally. She was united in marriage to Lucas Bishop on March 21, 1937. Norma and Lucas were married for 49 years and had five children.

She was an active member of First Baptist church in Bolivar and taught Sunday school many years. A 1933 graduate of Bolivar High School, she earned an Associate of Arts degree in education from Southwest Baptist University in 1936, a Bachelor's degree in Education from Missouri State University in 1959, as well as a Masters in Reading from the University of Central Missouri in 1972. Southwest Baptist University conferred her with an Honorary Doctorate Degree in 2007.

Norma began her teaching career in one room schools and continued teaching in elementary and high schools in Collins, Humansville, and El Dorado Springs. After Retirement from public schools, she taught reading at Southwest Baptist University and English as a second language in California and Siberia. She also served on the Polk County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors and worked in the National Headquarters in Americus, Georgia.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and received numerous awards including SBU Life Service Award, Edwin Lightfoot Alumni Award, SBU Global Ambassador Award and Leaders of American Secondary Education Yearbook Award. Norma also won the Older Workers of Ozarks Region Award and was recently inducted into the Humansville Schools Hall of Fame.

Her extensive travels took her to forty-nine foreign countries and all fifty states. She had special memories of serving on Gospel and Mission trips to the Olympics in Utah, Sydney and Greece.

Norma loved her large family who brought her great joy and happiness. Her children are Lucia Brundage of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Delynn Bishop, wife, Jan, Republic, Mo.; Zelda Kelley, husband, Bill, Clearwater, Fl.; Laurel Beth Pipes (deceased); and Vaughn Bishop, wife MegAnn, Torrance, Ca. She is also survived by her sisters, Fae Davis, Pioneer, Ca.; Dortha Culp, Allen, Tx.; Ellen Eldridge, Reno, Nv.; and Sherla Cox, Pioneer, Ca.; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lucas; her daughter, Laurel; her parents; her brothers, Erwin and George; her sisters, Euvon, Zella, Nelda, and four grandchildren

A celebration of her life, led by Pastor Billy Russell will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14th, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Bolivar.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 13th, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Missouri.

Interment will be at Holsapple Cemetery near Collins, MO.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scholarship fund at Southwest Baptist University.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Bishop*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Norma Bishop*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Bishop was a truly inspiring and one of my favorite teachers. She was one of the best and we were very lucky to have her in Humansville. Heartfelt sympathy to Vaughn, a classmate at HHS, and to all the family.*

**Sue Skidmore** - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. B. was my 3rd and my H.S. English teacher. I still saw her occasionally & the world is a better place for having had her in it. I will miss her.*

**Vickie Pangborn Fowler** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful inspiration this beautiful lady was to me.*

**Janice Mitchell Davis** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ We have lost a dear friend but heaven has gained a true servant of the Lord. She will hear the Lord say, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

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**Walt & Marilyn Crabtree** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ A treasured friend & colleague. A role model & mentor. You have blessed my life in many ways. RIP

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**Charlotte Hoppers** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Norma was an inspiration to all who crossed her path. She was always friendly with a smile on her face. I am glad I got to know Norma!

*Ernie*

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**Ernie Ferguson** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Norma was an ideal role model for many! She practiced what she preached on a daily basis, and lived a life of reaching out and serving. She never wanted to stop learning, and I'm sure she's still learning in glory. She'll be ready to teach us when we arrive to join her!

*Many in the field of education are better for having crossed her path. She was an inspiration. I treasure many memories of her and the grace with which she lived.*

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**Twila Smith** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Norma, You were such an inspiration to so many people. I don't anyone that accomplished so much in there life as you need. You will be missed.

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**Dorothy Lean** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My condolences to all of the family, especially Vaughn. Norma was one of the highlights of my teaching career. A beautiful, wonderful, and delightful person and fellow teacher. May God bless her family and friends. RIP Norma!

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**George Robertson** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Norma was an Inspiration to everyone who knew her, and an Icon to the education community.

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**Robert Daniels** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM