



## Norma Jean Bridges

January 25, 1948 - February 5, 2008

Norma Jean Bridges, age 60, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was born January 25, 1948 at home in Pittsburg, Missouri, the daughter of Joe and Mildred (Howard) Brown of Bolivar, Missouri. She was the sixth of seven children.

She graduated from Bolivar High School in 1966. She was married to Carl Bridges on May 26, 1966. They have two children, Carla and Curtis. She owned and operated Tuck and Tack Upholstery in Ozark/Bolivar for five years. She was employed by Citizen's Memorial Hospital as a Surgical Technician since 1987 and has worked there for over 22 years.

Norma received Christ in her teenage years and was a faithful believer throughout her lifetime. Norma worked in the nursery, Sunday school teacher, VBS leader, and involved in all children's ministry at The Church of the Nazarene in Bolivar for 30 years. She was an avid "garage saler". She loved fishing, gardening, photography, and spending time with her two children.

Norma is survived by her husband of 41 years, Carl Bridges of the home, her children; Carla Thornton and her husband Dr. Jeremy Thornton of Stockton,

Missouri and Curtis Bridges and his wife Candy of Lakeland, Florida, two grandchildren; Jayla and Carter Thornton, 4 brothers; Howard, Johnny and Marlyn Brown all of Springfield, Missouri and Garland Dale Brown of Bolivar, Missouri, 2 sisters; Betty Jo Ammerman of Archie, Missouri and Rosalie Tindle of Springfield, Missouri, and several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her many family, many friends, and church family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Reverend Rod Campbell officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 8, 2008 from 5-7pm at the Butler Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church Of The Nazarene Children's Fund, 310 N. Hartford Avenue, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Bridges*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Norma Jean Bridges*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Carl and family,*

*I had not the opportunity to meet Norma, but everyone says she was a wonderful person. May you and your family find peace and comfort in the memories of your time with Norma. She is now home. My prayers are with you all. God Bless! Kim Pierce*

**Kim Pierce** - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ If I had to name a single quality about Norma that stands out the most, it is selflessness. The dictionary describes selflessness as, The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. Norma always thought of others before herself. She hated asking for help, or being a burden, but was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. I remember her often dropping everything she was doing to help us out, even in a moments notice.

Norma loved deeply. You never had to wonder if Norma loved you, you felt it. If asked how she was doing, Norma would always give an enthusiastic great! or fantastic! and flash a heartwarming and encouraging smile. You never saw Norma down in the dumps, whining or complaining. She always had a kind word, warm smile, helping hand and positive outlook.

Although many of us have felt and experienced Normas love and tenderness, Norma was also a strong and courageous woman of God. Normas strength was never more evident than with her recent battle with cancer. Against overwhelming odds, Norma lived life abundantly, far beyond the doctors predictions. Her hope and dependence on the Lord kept her steadfast in her faith, never wavering even during the hard, pounding waves of cancers unrelenting storm.

Norma loved the Lord with all of her heart. Sharing even in her final hours, the love of the Lord with her family, and encouraging them to share that hope with others.

We miss you already Grandma Norma.

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Jeremy and Carla Thornton - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ HOMESICK (by Mercy Me)

*You're in a better place, I've heard a thousand times  
And at least a thousand times I've rejoiced for you  
But the reason why I'm broken, the reason why I cry  
Is how long must I wait to be with you*

*I close my eyes and I see your face  
If home's where my heart is then I'm out of place  
Lord, won't you give me strength to make it through somehow  
I've never been more homesick than now*

*Help me Lord cause I don't understand your ways  
The reason why I wonder if I'll ever know  
But, even if you showed me, the hurt would be the same  
Cause I'm still here so far away from home*

*In Christ, there are no goodbyes  
And in Christ, there is no end  
So I'll hold onto Jesus with all that I have  
To see you again  
To see you again*

*And I close my eyes and I see your face  
If home's where my heart is then I'm out of place  
Lord, won't you give me strength to make it through somehow  
Won't you give me strength to make it through somehow  
Won't you give me strength to make it through somehow*

*I've never been more homesick than now*

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Jeremy and Carla Thornton - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Our sincere sympathy to her family.*

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**Teresa and Rick Griffitts** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*We both worked with Norma at the hospital when she worked there.  
She always had a smile on her face and very pleasant.*

*Allen and Carol*

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**Carol and Allen Morris** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dear Curtis,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
and your family.*

*Love In Christ,*

*Kevin*

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**Kevin West** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Please know that I am thinking of you and your family.*

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**Sandy Schrader** - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Aunt Norma was a wonderful person and was enjoyed by many. We will miss her and we will pray for the ones closest to her.*

*Love,  
Scott, Ginna & Lily Kendrick*

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**Ginna Kendrick** - February 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM