



Norma Jean Smoot

July 5, 1924 - November 7, 2024

Norma Jean (Bordner) Smoot, of Maumee, was born on July 5, 1924, at her farm home at Holgate, Ohio, the daughter of Ethel and Burdette Bordner. She passed from this life on November 7, 2024. She celebrated her 100th birthday in July.

She was a graduate of Holgate High School in 1942 and then entered Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1945. Due to World War II, all RN's were gone, so she immediately became Head Nurse of a surgical floor. She remained at Toledo Hospital, retiring after 50 years there.

She married Robert J. Smoot in June 1947 and he preceded her in death in August 1974.

Norma Jean was an active member of Toledo Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star #341 for over 60 years, serving as Worthy Matron five times. She served the Grand Chapter of Ohio as Grand Representative to Oklahoma and as Deputy Grand Matron in 2002 She was currently a member of Palestine Chapter #51.

She served the Ohio Order of the Rainbow for Girls for over 50 years with 40 years as the Grand Deputy of District #1.

Norma was a life member of St. Luke's Auxiliary and volunteered in the gift shop.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo since 1947 and served as a dinner chairman for over 50 years.

Norma Jean is survived by her daughter, Robin (Chris) Jackson; son, Robert G. (Susan) Smoot; grandchildren, Courtney Miller, Renee Pellerite, and Matt Jackson; great-grandchildren, Hannah Smith, Jeremiah Jackson, and Jacob Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother, Lowell Bordner.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave., where the Order of the Eastern Star service will begin at 7:00pm. Visitation will also be on Friday, November 15, 2024 from 10:00am until 11:00am at First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo, 6520 Pilliod Rd., where a memorial service will begin at 11:00am. Interment will be at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo or Ohio Rainbow Girls Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Visitation

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo
6520 Pilliod Road
Holland, OH 43528

Memorial Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rainbow Girls was a huge part of my life and the constant in it was Norma Smoot. She traveled to all the installations of Worthy Advisors and was gracious to all. So sorry for the family’s loss.

Harolyn Legg - November 15, 2024 at 02:18 PM

MS

“ If you were a Rainbow Girl, you will remember Mom (Norma) Smoot. What a gracious and kind lady! Mom, so happy to have known you... You and Viola Walter made such a wonderful difference in my life. Give Dad Smoot a hug for me <3 <3 <3 (Marte Eninger Sorg, Grand Choir Director, 1974)

Marte Eninger Sorg - November 15, 2024 at 12:21 PM

RZ

“ Rest in Peace Mom Smoot

Rita M Zeller - November 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ Norma Jean was ever-ready to serve at church. We worked together for chicken barbecues and other meals and it amazed me how she knew exactly how much of whatever dish we be enough for the number of people expected. We shared time at the single ladies dinners as well and I remember here laughing at the antics of my beagles and my opossum stories. She always gave good advice too. Lynda

Lynda Oros - November 11, 2024 at 03:41 PM