



Norma Jean Kemp

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KEMP, Norma Jean Phillips Martin passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Sunday, May 30, 2021. During her final years, she fought dementia with the same grace and dignity she lived her entire life. Norma was born in Swink, Colorado on December 19, 1931, to Carl and Vivian Phillips. Shortly after graduating from high school she attended beauty college in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. That was a significant step toward her future because that is how she ultimately met the first love of her life, Bill Martin. The entire family owes a debt of gratitude to Bill's Aunt Jenny who, deliberately playing matchmaker, arranged for Bill to take her to the "beauty shop" for her appointment to have Norma "do her hair." Norma and Bill raised their family of four children in Dallas. Bill passed away in August of 1975. After his passing, Norma began working at Cliff Temple Baptist Child Development Center. Very quickly, she was promoted to Director of the Development Center. She truly looked forward to going to work every day to spend time with the children who attended, including some of her own grandchildren.

In the summer of 1978, Norma found the second love of her life, Von Kemp. They married on Oct. 26, 1978, and were happily married until his death 32 years later. During their marriage they traveled, worked on home improvement projects together and loved spending time with their grandchildren.

Norma's greatest talent (other than being a wonderful wife and mother) was sewing and at one point, she had 20 clients she sewed for personally, including the wife of a state representative. In later years, her sewing became even more creative, and included making life size dolls. Many of us have some piece crafted with love that she made especially for us.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, husband Bill and second husband, Von.



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She is survived and greatly missed by her son, Bill Martin, three daughters, Brenda Martin Morgan (Dr. Bob Morgan), Carla Martin Geiger (Mark Geiger), Lisa Martin Trammell (Craig Trammell). 8 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Restland Funeral Home located at 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75243, followed by a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. The family invites all their and Norma's friends and relatives to a reception, following the service, at the home of Bob and Brenda Morgan. Although Norma loved gardening, the family believes she would have chosen, in lieu of flowers, that any gifts in her honor be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or to the charity of your choice.

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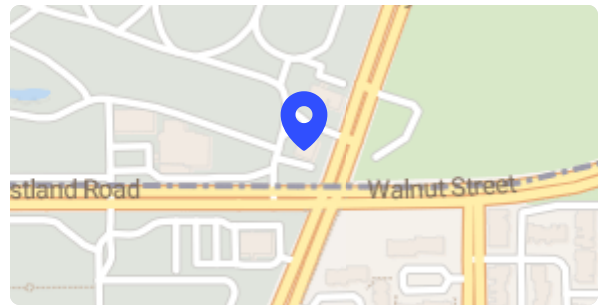


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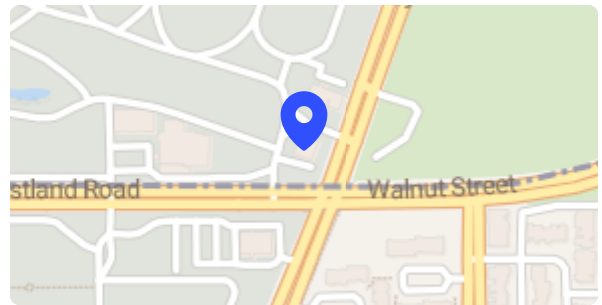
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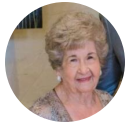
- Wednesday**, June 2, 2021
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
- Restland Funeral Home & Crematory**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



Celebration of Life

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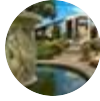




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Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 1 at 1:47 PM



Beverly Phillips posted:

My mother, Dorothy Brow, and I both worked in the day care center for a number of years. Norma was such a capable leader in that area and a hard worker. We enjoyed working there because of the positive environment she created for all of us.

June 9 at 4:54 PM



Susan Shanks posted:

Norma and Becky always took such good and loving care of my kids at Cliff Temple. We're praying for the family.

June 9 at 10:44 AM



Susan Kocak posted:

I remember many hours of playing in the backyard with Carla (primarily), trying not to make the chihuahua mad, while your mom was sewing up a storm inside. We had a lot of fun in that big backyard! So sorry for your loss - hold fast to your memories. Susan York Kocak

June 2 at 6:35 PM



Alex Ponzio posted:

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our faith tells us she is at peace and reunited with her loved ones, completely healed, and happy once again. May God give you strength during this sad time. Diane and Alex Ponzio

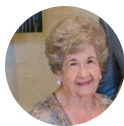
June 2 at 4:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Rose Romanesque Bouquet to the Kemp family.



June 1 at 5:31 PM



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MH

Melissa Hillestad posted:

Thinking of you all during this difficult time. May the wonderful memories of Norma's love and caring provide you comfort and peace. Much love , Scott and Melissa Hillestad

June 1 at 11:42 AM

LR

Love, Victor And Dawn Ann And Robert And Rindy sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Kemp family.



June 1 at 9:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Kemp family.



June 1 at 8:47 AM

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Patrick And Yolanda Griffith posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Norma was a beautiful, sweet, caring and loving lady. An amazing cook and baker. It was so good. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers

June 1 at 8:29 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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