



Norma Jean Justus

September 12, 1943 - June 26, 2016

Norma Jean Justus was born September 12, 1943 to William Crock Mize and Ruth Inez (Mitchell) Mize. For the first 35 years of life she resided in Powhatan, and she lived in Lawrence County until 1988. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Arkansas College in 1971, after which she taught one year at Swifton. She returned to college for a Master's degree in Biology (Arkansas State). After graduating in 1974, she spent 15 years as a biology teacher in Walnut Ridge. She began working with the Arkansas Education Association in 1989 and retired from AEA in 2010. The last 27 years of life she resided in West Little Rock but frequently returned to Lawrence County and to Powhatan. Her hobbies included reading, working in her flower garden, mushroom hunting, genealogical research, and most of all, caring for her family.

Norma was extremely committed to education and to teachers throughout her career. She considered family or moral support to be the strongest component for any individual's success. Her dedication to youth and the under privileged was perhaps her strongest virtue. In our sorrow, the family takes comfort in knowing the large number of lives that she touched and the example that she provided. She believed in taking a strong stance on one's beliefs but also and that we should strive throughout life to be better individuals. She became increasingly interested in the bible, and was quick to remind those closest to her of its emphasis on kindness, compassion, and humanity, in general.

Norma was preceded in death by her mother and father, five siblings—William, Nona, and Dent Mize, Glenda and Wanda Glenn. She is survived by one brother—Bobbie Dean Mize; two children—Terri Lea Mullen and Billy Gene Justus; four grandchildren—Brandi Lea Davis, Charla LeAnn Cusson, Nathan Tanner Justus, and Lane Ellen Justus; four great grandchildren—Gage Afton Eades, River Blaine Davis, Blakley Reese Williams, and Ashley Jean Cusson; and many good friends. If we could have one wish, her friends and family would give her a big, final hug and tell her how much she will be missed.

Revel in the sadness, for it can only be an indication of the significance of your loss. Revel, too, in the comfort and celebration of a life well spent.

Pallbearers will be Family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Powhatan Cemetery

Hwy 117 spur
Powhatan, AR 72458

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Justus*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Thank everyone so much for your expressions of sympathy and affection for my mother. As you can imagine, we have never been more appreciative of our many, many memories. We are very grateful for your thoughts and kind expressions.*

Skeeter

Billy Gene Justus - July 03, 2016 at 11:03 AM



*Sketter,
So sorry that we couldn't be there for you during the passing of Norma Jean! She was a great friend and our neighbor for many years! She will greatly miss miss by many!
Praying for you and Terri Lee family!
We love you very much!
Vickie(Smith) and Rabdy Adams*

Vickie Smith Adams - July 04, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ *Norma was a friend and good neighbor to us for the past 23 years. She shared her homemade fig preserves with Bill, and gave me several flowers for my yard. I loved to sit on her driveway and visit with her in the evenings. We will certainly miss her!*

Bill and Judy Adcock

Bill and Judy Adcock - June 30, 2016 at 09:28 AM

JP

“ I met Norma several years ago while working with her son, Billy. Since then I've had lunch several times with Norma--many time it was Norma's home cooking. She always had a sparkle in her eye and a smile and a kind word on her lips. I wish I could have one more lunch with her.

Jim Petersen - June 29, 2016 at 09:53 PM

RS

Although I had a successful 20 plus year career in the military, who knows, with more teachers/administrators such as Norma I might have sought a PhD. 😊. What a truly wonderful woman and a great loss.
Roger Smith

roger smith - July 28, 2016 at 01:08 PM

DD

“ Denny, Anne, Denise , Dianne, & Debbie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norma Jean Justus.



Denny, Anne, Denise , Dianne, & Debbie - June 29, 2016 at 02:22 PM

AC

“ Norma will be missed by many who made friends with her at the gym, she was so fun loving and full of humor. Always loved to visit with everyone. It was such a shock to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace!

Anita Creviston - June 29, 2016 at 02:01 PM

PA

“ Ms Norma You will be missed a lot You will always be in are family hearts Rest in peace

Pedro Antonio - June 29, 2016 at 01:22 PM



Kimberly
Gafary

“ Rest in peace. Ms Justus. Your will always be in my heart. I am glad to have been one of her students at Walnut Ridge. Advanced Biology was my favorite class. I wasn't the easiest student but she always understood me. Named my dissected pig "Norma Jean". She was wonderful. She Will always be in my heart. The best teacher!!!!

Kimberly Gafary - June 29, 2016 at 11:42 AM

SW

“ Norma will be very missed at the pool and fitness center at UAMS. Norma always had something to say and spoke to most everyone. Rest in peace Norma.
Your swim buddies

Sheery Woods - June 29, 2016 at 09:40 AM

MG

“ My boys and I have been Norma's neighbors for three years. She welcomed us to the neighborhood and helped us with lots of things. Being an animal lover, I fell in love with her cat the first week. Norma was convinced that her cat would never make friends with me because he feared strangers. After three years, she and I were on our decks laughing that "Kitty" spent half his time with me. I can't walk out on my deck without thinking Norma and I are going to have a conversation or share news. Norma worshiped Kitty and came out twice a day to rock him on her swing no matter how busy she was. She worried about him every time she went out of town, but knew that I would take care of him and frequently said, "I'm glad he has another mom." My goal is to take care of Kitty half as well as Norma did because we are all devastated and miss her so much. We'll never walk out on the deck without thinking of her kindness and how much she helped my family.

Melissa Garner - June 29, 2016 at 08:48 AM

TD

“ Still can't believe she is not around.. We used to live down the street from Norma and our little five year old Risha simply adored her and we made sure to visit her atleast once a month even after we moved across the town...we are going to miss her very badly...Dubbakas.

Thirumal "Reddy" Dubbaka - June 29, 2016 at 07:58 AM

DH

“ Donna Helms purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norma Jean Justus.



Donna Helms - June 28, 2016 at 10:46 PM

LH

“ Love Roger and Becky Hutchins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Justus.



Love Roger and Becky Hutchins - June 28, 2016 at 10:13 PM

MJ

“ MICHAEL A JUSTUS purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Norma Jean Justus.



MICHAEL A JUSTUS - June 28, 2016 at 09:03 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Norma Jean. Prayers of comfort to the family. Please accept our condolences.

Mark and Robin Blankenship

Mark Blankenship - June 28, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SM

“ Norma lived directly across the street from my father and step-mother (Paul & Vivian Hicks) when she moved to Little Rock. They had their houses built at the same time. Norma was such a sweet and thoughtful neighbor. We always enjoyed talking to her when we went to visit my parents. After we lost my step-mother Norma made sure to keep flowers in Vivian's flower pots every year in her memory. (We all know how Norma loved her flowers.) And she was always taking food to my father. We will miss her smile. She was a lovely lady.

Shelly and Chase Maroney

Shelly Maroney - June 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear this bad news. We have lost a fierce advocate for professional educators and free, quality public education. Which means the whole world has lost a friend. Peace and calm in your storm, dear family of Norma.

robin kuykendall - June 28, 2016 at 04:33 PM

RS

“ She was so much more than a teacher to me. Teacher, mentor, friend, counselor.... I cherish the memories of our long talks and her sage advice, always laced with humor and candor. I will never forget sitting in our favorite Indian restaurant in LR a few years ago and telling my family "I know that voice" turning to see the most precious sight....Norma Justus (she was a frequent flyer there!)
I am so thankful I was able to hug her neck and tell her once again how much I loved her at Scott Mcentire's visitation recently. Her reply "oh how I love you and I'm so proud of you!" as she looked deeply in my eyes and then kissed my face. When you talked to her you knew you had her full attention because her eyes were completely fixated on yours.
I beg God to comfort her family and fill the huge hole her passing will leave. You were so blessed to be her family and thank you for sharing her with me!!

robin saito - June 28, 2016 at 01:00 PM

 Brent Phillips

“ Sara and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We enjoyed our three years living next door to her. I just talked to her on the phone Monday and was telling her how much we missed her. We miss sitting out at nights, just visiting and talking with her. She was a great neighbor and friend. Love, Brent and Sara

Brent Phillips - June 28, 2016 at 10:22 AM

NM

“ Though Ms Justus was at Swifton only one year, she made a lasting and wonderful impression on me. I was so happy to reconnect with her on Facebook for the past few years. She enjoyed my photos of snakes, butterflies and eagles....she was certainly a large part of developing my interests in those. I will miss chatting with her. My deepest sympathies are with the family. Natalee Moon, Seifton

Natalee Moon - June 28, 2016 at 09:51 AM

 Jay
Shell

“ I was saddened to hear of Ms. Justus' passing. She was a wonderful and memorable teacher. I don't remember many things about junior high teachers and classes, but I remember hers. From the garden spider she kept in a corner of her room that we fed bugs from time to time, to giving me extra credit for the eyes of a buck deer I killed that year. She was a hoot and I have great memories of her not only as a teacher, but as a wonderful person. My condolences to her family. May you know God's comfort and peace in your loss.

Jay Shell

Jay Shell - June 28, 2016 at 09:41 AM

TB

“ My sympathies to the family. Norma was a very smart and loving woman and she will be sorely missed by a host of friends and family.

*Tish Baugh
1304 Holyoke St.
Apt. 14
Kingsport, TN 37664*

Tish Baugh - June 28, 2016 at 07:15 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Love Judy and Stacy Faulkner

Judy and Stacy Faulkner - June 27, 2016 at 11:16 PM

WF

My thoughts, and prayers are with Norma's family, as they mourn the loss, and celebrate the life, of their precious, Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, and Friend. May the good Lord, give you peace, and understanding, now, and in the days ahead. Hold close the memories, and teachings, she instilled in each of you, and "be all that you can be", as honor to her. She touched so many, in her journey through life, and will be missed, and thought of often. So long for now, Rest In Love, Norma.

Wanda Fincher - June 28, 2016 at 04:27 AM

JG

Norma was one of my fine Williams Baptist College English students. She enrolled as a non- traditional student, and I enjoyed following her career in education. She also taught both of my daughters, Julie and Sarah, at Walnut Ridge High School. She was special and a longtime friend. Prayers for her family --Jerry D. Gibbens

jerry Gibbens - June 28, 2016 at 08:30 AM



I will miss my friend who loved to talk gardening, quilting and cooking ideas, and hunt for mushrooms - not to mention argue for anything she thought was right! She was always forthright and also very generous. Sandy Connolly

Sandy Connolly - June 29, 2016 at 09:40 AM

WE

I could always hear your familiar voice as I approached our swimming Class. You will be missed by everyone. You always gave me a run for my money with our numerous friendly arguments. I've only known you for a few years, but I could see that you touched many lives. You will be fortunate enough to see many of my friends in Heaven with Jesus. Bye my friend.

William K. Ellington - June 29, 2016 at 11:19 PM

JK

Norma was so full of life and enthusiasm, it is heartbreaking to know we won't be able to see her again. I, as well as many others will certainly miss her. She was a very special lady. God bless you, Norma and rest in peace.

Jeanne King - July 05, 2016 at 10:45 AM