



Norma Chastang Ellison

July 25, 2014

Norma Chastang Ellison was born in Mobile, Alabama on April 20, 1959, the sixth child of Harold and Gloria Chastang. Raised a devout Catholic, Norma began studying the Word of GOD in 1988, was attending Congregation Beth Hallel of Roswell at the time of her passing at 7:20am on July 25, 2014.

Norma was married in 1989 to Arthur Ellison, Jr. Together they raised two beautiful, talented, compassionate and adoring children, Gabrielle and Genevieve. Norma's love and devotion for, and pride of her daughters was unparalleled, as is theirs for her.

Norma attended St. Peter Claver primary school, McGill-Toolen Catholic H.S. and the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), where she studied journalism and reported on the "Fun and Stuff" television show. Upon graduation, she was an assignment reporter for the ABC affiliate in Mobile. She continued her career with ABC when she relocated to Atlanta in the early 1980s, working as a news producer.

At the time of her passing, Norma was a teacher at Cumberland Christian Academy, where she was loved by her students, their parents and her colleagues. She was on the faculty at Cumberland Christian for thirteen years.

Norma had a gracious, generous and warm spirit that touched everyone in her life. She was especially kind, considerate, patient and caring.

The focus of Norma's life was THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Her daily devotionals consisted

of journaling her thoughts, dreams, visions from the LORD, activities from the previous day, and the writing down of many scriptures, which she would then meditate and pray over. Remember---Norma studied journalism in school and had now become a writer for GOD.

Norma's girls, Gabby and Genny, were a major priority in her life, in addition to being

a Proverbs 31 wife. Providing the best education possible for her daughters was her top priority. Norma was always behind the stage and on the sidelines, coaching and cheering them on.

Since 1996, Norma and her husband Art have witnessed to thousands of individuals for salvation over the years. In 1999, they headed up a prayer ministry from their home in Marietta when the City of Marietta ordered them to shut it down because of neighbors complaining of too many cars in the street and driveway. The Ellison's contacted LIBERTY COUNCIL'S Matt Staver, Atty., who sent a demand letter to the City of Marietta threatening to file a lawsuit on behalf of the Ellison's and their right to conduct prayer in their home, even if it was all night prayer on Friday nights. The City of Marietta followed with an apology letter several days later. Rush Limbaugh's brother, David Limbaugh, chronicled this event in his NY TIMES bestseller PERSECUTION in 2003. This story received nationwide coverage.

Over the years, Art has personally observed Norma's transformation from a secular individual to becoming a dynamic woman of GOD. Her dedication and self-discipline to prayer and Bible study are legendary. Norma is the most consistent individual he has ever known. They were a team in winning souls, they would pray together every morning before going to work. Handing out gospel tracts and praying with strangers to receive salvation is what drove them to reach out to the people wherever they went, in the grocery store, the park, the library, the gas station, or the elevator---it didn't matter to Norma or Art.

During the summer of 2013, Norma began to prepare to become certified as a resources teacher. The graduate school online course, conducted by a California University, required that Norma write twelve papers in order to attain certification. There was a tremendous amount of required reading that Norma had to complete in order to do her assignments. Norma was not feeling well, as she pushed herself to succeed in this course, despite feeling weakened by what eventually became pneumonia, with the cancer diagnosis following.

Incidentally, Norma was on the Echad Dance Troupe, and continued to dance with all her might. Norma is, and will always be, THE LORD'S DANCER. She went on to score the only perfect score for this course, 100%, the professor had ever given anyone in her 25 years of teaching this graduate level course. Norma was, and still is, very special. Just ask the LORD.

Helping those less fortunate and giving back to the community was extremely important to Norma. This was a lesson she impressed upon her daughters.

Norma grew up in a close-knit, large, extended family community that included, in addition to her siblings, many cousins, aunts, uncles and her grandparents. Among the many happy experiences shared with this extended family, were the summers spent with them at her grandparents' summer home on "the island" (Mon Louis Island, AL).

She loved to tell stories, often about her brothers "teasing" her, participating in the Mardi Gras court, and time "down on the island" with Popi, Grandma Celia Mae and all of her cousins. She was an excellent cook, making the best pralines and gumbo in the world!

Norma and Art were truly blessed to have not one, but two valedictorians in the family in 2011 and 2014. Gabby is studying public relations and journalism at Lee University and Genny will study pre-med at Lee U. as well. The girls have received Christian education all their lives, at Cumberland Christian Academy, from K-4 to 12, and now at Lee U.

Norma leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Art, and her two daughters, Gabrielle and Genny; siblings, Sharon Clark, Rita Chastang, Harold Chastang, Jr., Mark Chastang (Linda), Walter Chastang (Cynthia) and Paul Chastang, and aunts, Greta Lemee and Annie Trenier. She also leaves nieces and nephews, Todd (Denise), Michael (Anika), Ben, Mark Jr., Rebecca, Walter, Jr., Melissa, Stephanie and Kym, as well as a large and very close-knit extended family, including the Lewises (Detroit), the Petites (Mobile), Lemees (Saint Louis), the Johnsons (Chicago) and the Treniers (Mobile), with whom Norma spent her childhood summers on Mon Luis Island, and many cherished friends, including Kassandra Ware.

Cemetery

Mt. Harmony Memorial Gardens

581 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
Mableton, GA, 30126

Events

JUL 29 Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM

Davis-Struempf Funeral Home
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US,
30106

JUL 29 Service 10:00AM

Davis-Struempf Chapel
1975 East-West Conn, Austell, GA, US, 30106

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - July 28, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ Norma is the most GOD fearing person I have ever known in my life. A Proverbs 31 wife, she gave me two beautiful young ladies, Gabrielle and Genevieve, who are very much like their Mom, full of poise and dignity. Unbeknownst to most, Norma had a passion for writing, and would journal her dreams, visions and scriptures from the LORD, on a daily basis. Her heart was in praying for others. She never turned down praying, when given the opportunity. A prayer warrior. She was my prayer partner, and I miss her more than I can say. My best friend. My witnessing buddy---the LORD said to go in two's, and we did. In the months just before Norma's graduation to Heaven, she and I prayed with many nurses, doctors and staff, to receive the LORD JESUS into their hearts. What an awesome GOD we serve!!!! Many at Kennestone Hospital and the Tranquility Hospice in Marietta, GA, were touched by Norma's dedication to FATHER GOD.

With several dreams and a vision of Norma, I know where she is. She is dancing for the LORD JESUS CHRIST on a regular basis. And guess what? Adonai revealed to me that she and our pet beagle, Rosie, are together once in again, in Heaven. How awesome!!! I know that I can say this with Norma's backing---she is waiting for you in Heaven. Now that you have read this short message, just say these words and mean it from your heart:

FATHER GOD, I am a sinner. I have sinned all my life and I ask that you forgive me of all my sins. I REPENT, which means that I will no longer go to the left, but will now turn around to the right. I will do a 180 degree turn around in my life. No more blatant sinning in my life. Wash me clean of all my sins with the blood of JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD. LORD JESUS, I invite you into my heart, and I ask that You remain in my heart forever. Fill me with the HOLY SPIRIT and be my LORD and SAVIOUR all the days of my life. Thank You for saving my soul and please take me to Heaven when my time has come. In the precious Name of JESUS CHRIST I pray....Amen.

If you have just prayed that prayer, commit to reading the Bible on a daily basis, starting with the book of John. John has 21 chapters---commit yourself to finishing all 21 chapters in one week. Then read all of the New Testament. After reading the New Testament, read the Old Testament. Ask FATHER GOD to lead you to a good Bible preaching church and ask GOD to introduce you to the HOLY SPIRIT in a powerful way. You will begin to experience the Presence of GOD in your life. GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Norma, I cannot wait to see you again in Heaven...I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!!!
Your husband of twenty-five years, Artie

Art Ellison - November 27, 2014 at 10:46 PM



“ My condolences Artie. what a beautiful wife and marriage you had. Words cannot express what it's like to lose a beautiful wife and prayer partner.

Charles Calhoun - December 29, 2014 at 05:49 AM



“ Norma and I were roommates at The University of Alabama during our freshman year. I'll never forget her sense of humor, her graciousness, and her beauty. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered, always, by me and by all who knew her.

Alaiyo (Erica) Moseley Kiasi-Barnes

Alaiyo - October 16, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ I still cry every time I watch this amazing video. I look forward to seeing Norma again. After JESUS, she is my best friend!!!

Art - February 25, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Norma and I were married for twenty-five years to the month (July 1, 1989 to July 25, 2014) and then she left to be with JESUS. He has kept me up to date with how she is doing in Heaven through dreams, visions, and words of knowledge. She is waiting for me to come join her. The Great Election, THE RAPTURE OF THE BRIDE, is only months away. It will precede the upcoming U.S. Election. My advice to all of us who call on the Name of JESUS/YESHUA---we must cleanse ourselves as any bride would before her wedding day and get rid of all the dirt (sin) in our lives. Matthew 25 JESUS IS COMING FOR A BEAUTIFUL BRIDE WHO IS DEDICATED TO HIM ALONE. NOT EVERYONE BELIEVED NOAH BEFORE THE FLOODS CAME----I HOPE YOU BELIEVE ME.
thywordistruthministries.net



Art Ellison - July 22, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ I am so saddened to learn of the passing of Norma. She appeared with me on a children's television series on Alabama Public Television in 1981 when she was still a student at the University of Alabama. I felt so fortunate that we were able to find someone with such poise and kindness to serve as a co-host on "Fun & Stuff." My condolences to Norma's family and friends.

Robert Sharp - December 12, 2015
Palm Springs, CA



Robert Sharp - December 12, 2015 at 09:08 PM



“ To the Ellison and Chastang Families,
Condolences on the loss of your wife, mother and sister.
Gary and Beverly Cooper

Gary and Beverly Cooper - August 10, 2014 at 05:57 PM



“ Gary And Beverly Cooper lit a candle in memory of Norma Chastang Ellison



Gary and Beverly Cooper - August 10, 2014 at 05:56 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the family. Norma and I were classmates at McGill-Toolen. Norma was a wonderful person and she will truly be missed. Hoping your treasured memories bring you comfort day by day. May the Lord comfort your hearts as only He can do. May you take comfort in knowing an Angel (NORMA) is watching over you. God Bless.

Respectfully,
Clifford Brown

Clifford Brown - August 06, 2014 at 09:12 AM



“ I am saddened by the loss of Norma. I learned of her passing too late to attend the services and support your family. When I was a new parent at CCA, my child was in the same grade as Gabby. Norma was always the first to welcome me in a room full of strangers. She always had a kind word to say and a hug to share. The world will be less without her. She was a rare find. Much love, Misty Gann

Misty Gann - July 30, 2014 at 11:04 PM



“ Oh sweet Norma....you are comfortable and at peace at the feet of Jesus! Thank you for always praying with me, no matter when, no matter how busy we were at work, you prayed with me and cried with me. I will see you again friend! Art, Gabby and Genny, your mother was a picture of Christ and so loved by so many. Prayers for all of you in the coming days.

Ava Parker - July 29, 2014 at 08:17 PM



“ From Norma I will miss you very much. To my loving Norma I will always was keep in. Touch. With. Jenny an. Gabby. Your. beautiful daughters

Norma - July 29, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ From Norma lemee my beautiful cousin Norma I will miss you very much and will love you more than you ever could nol will always keep in touch with Gabby and Jenny I love you more more than you could know love your cousin norma lemee for me

Norma - July 29, 2014 at 04:49 PM



“ To Art and the girls:
Always remember the lessons that Norma taught with her life. Norma was my classmate and my friend. We went to St Peter Claver from 1st- 6th grade and then again 9th-12th at McGill-Toolen. Norma was a smart, sweet, quiet good girl. When she went to the University of Alabama, my sister and I would visit she and her cousin Medina for homecoming. We would always have a lovely weekend ending with all of us going to church on Sunday. Art after witnessing your wedding, I kept up with your family through her mother. Mrs. Chastang was always so proud of your family. She would tell me what each of the girls were doing. I will always remember and cherish my times spent with Norma. May God bless and keep your family until we all see

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Patricia Winston Carstarphen - July 28, 2014 at 11:55 PM



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“ I never met Norma in person, but her friend Cassandra and I shared a prayer over the phone together and just hearing her pray, I knew she was a Mighty Woman of God. She loved to pray and read the word of God, she had such joy in her and I know it was a homecoming when she went to be with the Lord. I miss her here, but I know I will see her in Heaven! My prayers are with her family for comfort and strength. Kim McDougal, Oregon

Kim - July 28, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ Tyler & Valerie Hudson lit a candle in memory of Norma Chastang Ellison



Tyler & Valerie Hudson - July 28, 2014 at 06:30 AM



“ Dedric Hudson lit a candle in memory of Norma Chastang Ellison



Dedric Hudson - July 28, 2014 at 06:30 AM



“ Assunta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Norma Chastang Ellison



Assunta Jackson - July 27, 2014 at 08:59 PM



“ May God be with You All at this time. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Peace be still.

Assunta Gourrier-Jackson

Assunta Jackson - July 27, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ God Bless You and your family. Emile Easton, Mobile, AL

Emile Easton - July 27, 2014 at 02:06 PM



“ I will never forget the anointing and the light that illuminated from Norma as she danced for the Messiah at the Synagogue. I knew that there was something special about her. Now she is dancing and rejoicing forever more in Heaven continually in His Presence. We will truly miss her....Condolences to Art, Gabby and Genevieve.

Brenda and Howard Couch

Brenda Couch - July 27, 2014 at 08:08 AM



“ What an amazing woman. She was always so kind, sweet, and genuine. We are so sorry and shocked to hear of her passing. She always helped our daughter with any needs at CCA. We would like to offer our condolences, and prayers for comfort.

Charles, Julie, and Morgan Byers

charles buers - July 26, 2014 at 10:39 PM



“ Art and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I know words can't enumerate what she meant to you guys. I would like you to know we are praying for your comfort and peace during this time. Much love to you all.

Earl Campbell and Family

Earl Campbell - December 29, 2014 at 02:32 PM