



Norma O'Brien

January 9, 1931 - January 11, 2020

Norma Lee O'Brien, 89, of Drakesville, Iowa passed away on January 11, 2020 at her home. She was born January 9, 1931 in Davis County, Iowa to Clarence Oren and Isal Cook Forsythe. She graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1948 and married Daniel William O'Brien on January 10, 1953 in Bloomfield. Before she was married, Norma taught school at a one room school house. In 1969, she started working at the Bloomfield Care Center and then later for the Davis County Hospital as a nurse's aide and in surgery, which she really enjoyed. She retired in 1994.

Norma loved being with her family and was very active with them in their school activities as they grew up. She was a member of the United Methodist Church for many years and was currently a member of the Word of Life Church in Bloomfield. In her free time, Norma enjoyed gardening and canning her produce, helping with the Davis County Reunion, and spending time with her family. She was a proud member of the 1948 Bloomfield High School graduating class and helped plan many reunions over the years.

She is survived by her husband; five children, Michael O'Brien of Corydon, Iowa, David (Nita) O'Brien of Drakesville, Diana (Paul) Olinger of Ottumwa, Iowa, Susan Hougland of Drakesville, Robin (Noel) Licht of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Wayne) Cantrell of Drakesville; and two sisters-in-law, Nina Forsythe of Bloomfield, Ida

Forsythe Piper of Drakesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren, Katie Duffield, Angel Hougland; daughter-in-law, Pat O'Brien; son-in-law, Dwight Hougland; sister, Glennis Henderson; and two brothers, Gerald Forsythe, Trenton Forsythe.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Paul Barnes officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Drakesville Cemetery and the Drakesville Park. Online condolences may be directed to www.waglerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norma O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Barb Meredith lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Barb Meredith - March 17, 2020 at 11:26 PM



So sorry for your loss, I got to know her when I worked for Pauline.

Barbie Meredith - March 17, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *My heartfelt prayers for family of Norma Jean.
So lucky to know your loving, caring , family.
So glad to be able to help with care of Norma.
You have done such a wonderful job taking
care of your wife / mother these past years.
You are truly angels. My prayers will continue.*



Jean Hastings - February 04, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CG

“ *Condolences to the O'Brien and Forsythe families. I came to know Norma best when we worked together at the Davis County hospital. She is a lady that will be remembered by many.*



Cindy Gordy - January 14, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norma O'Brien.*



January 14, 2020 at 04:48 PM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Georgia Stevens - January 13, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DR

“ *Dale And Doris Randolph lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Dale and Doris Randolph - January 13, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Norma O'Brien.*



January 13, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ ** purchased the Pink & White Rose Half Casket Cover for the family of Norma O'Brien.*



* - January 13, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *To the family of thr o'Brien sorry yo hear about her she was the nicest women you could talk to and the sweetens lynn roberts*

Lynn Roberts - January 12, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Lynn Roberts - January 12, 2020 at 07:09 PM

CW

“ *Crystal Wiley lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Crystal Wiley - January 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM

TC

“ *Teddy & Mary Cary lit a candle in memory of Norma O'Brien*



Teddy & Mary Cary - January 12, 2020 at 06:03 PM