



Norma Phalen

May 19, 2013

Norma J. Phalen, 82, of Cape Girardeau passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, May 19, 2013. She was born August 6, 1930 in Peoria, Ill., daughter of James N. Jansen and Marie T. Jansen. Norma grew up in Pekin, Ill. and St. Petersburg, Fla. She attended Sweetbrier College in Lynchburg, Va. and Bradley University in Peoria where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Norma and Robert J. Phalen, Jr. were married in Pekin, Ill. on November 1, 1952. Survivors include her husband, Robert, a sister, Barbara deBlank, Falmouth, Mass.; daughters, Molly Bronaugh (Stewart), Nashville, Tenn., Meg Bertolami (John), Cornish, N.H., Cary Rayson (Scott), Nashville, Tenn., Kate Stevens (Martin), Marshfield, Mass., Beth Howes (Ted), South Salem, N.Y.; and 13 wonderful grandchildren, Robert (Andrea), Caroline, Mary, and Stewart III Bronaugh, Isabelle and Sophie Bertolami, George, Jack and Caroline Rayson, James and Andrew Stevens and Meg and Sam Howes. She was preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Phalen and a grandson, Thomas Rayson. Norma is remembered by family and friends for her intelligence, her sense of humor and her empathy for people less fortunate than she. After raising her children, she was a devoted and beloved grandmother. In later years, Norma helped coordinate Adoration at the St. Francis Hospital Chapel and served as a weekly volunteer at the Salvation Army. Visitation will be 5 to 7:30 PM, Wednesday at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at Old St. Vincent Church at 10:00 AM, Thursday with Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery.

Donations to the Salvation Army and Southeast Hospice will be accepted in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Dear Mr. Phalen & family, We are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Phalen's passing. We regret losing touch with you. We have tried to search for you through the years. A family member down in SEMO shared us the obituary this morning. Angie and I have wonderful memories working at Greystone Manor on Sprigg St. in the early eighties. We were just newlyweds and could not have asked for a better place to start our life together (at your guests housing). You both were so gracious and great to work for. Those were times we will cherish the rest of our lives. The last thing Mrs. Phalen told us on our last good bye was that she wanted to see our kids if we every had any. She wanted to see what Filipino-American mix would look like :) God blessed us with a daughter who graduated from College last year and a son who finished his first semester in college this year. Norma Phalen is a very special lady that left a lasting impression in our lives and to many that she crosses paths. We are honored to be among those blessed by the Phalen family. We will be forever thankful for helping us get started with our married life. She will be greatly missed by many. Love and prayers,

Ed & Angie Moncada - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the Phalen Family, Our sincere condolences to All of you. Our Mother,, Elva worked for your family for many years and she loved you all as her own family and we in turn felt a closeness to you as she shared many good memories! In 1999, when Elva and Albert were involved in a very serious auto accident and were clinging on for life , it was Mrs Phalen who searched us out in the waiting area and sat with uswhat a comfort and blessing she was to us all. She was indeed a wonderful person. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God hold you all close and grant you HIS PEACE. Sincerely, Bob and Lucy Heeszal

Lucy and Bob Heeszal - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mr. Phalen and family, Sorry to see that Mrs. Phalen passed away. She was always very nice to Rob and me, and our mom and dad enjoyed spending time with both of you. I remember Norma as always being happy and laughing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

John Hemperley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *To the Phalen Family; my condolences in the passing of your Mother, Wife and Grandmother, What a great lady Pet Potter*

bob pollack - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *My condolences on your loss.*

Chris Grisvard - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

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Chris - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Bob and family, I am in Canada visiting my only grandchild, Freya, otherwise I would be hugging each of you in person as you celebrate Norma's life. I have so many good memories of my time together with Norma when we were neighbors downtown and shared so much together. What a wonderful, loving and giving person she was! The world was enriched by her presence. In fond remembrance--Cyndy Hall*

Cyndy Hall - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Katie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful mother (you look just like her). Please know that you are in my heart and in my prayers. Elizabeth Spence*

Elizabeth Spence - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM