



## Norma Jean Stewart

February 15, 1932 - April 11, 2012

NORMA JEAN STEWART passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the age of 80. Born February 15, 1932 in Okmulgee Oklahoma, Norma Jean, 'Jinx' Jennings grew up in the hard years of the depression, dust bowl and WWII. She was principally raised by her Grandmother Ella Carpenter, who came to Oklahoma in a covered wagon during the land run of 1897. Norma Jean carried the courage and conviction she learned from her pioneering grandmother throughout her life.

As a cheerleader for the Okmulgee bulldogs, she met her future husband Fred 'Stu' Stewart who was the star basketball player for the rival Tulsa Central High School. After attending Oklahoma A&M College they married in a military wedding on August 22, 1954 at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Sill in Lawton Oklahoma. Their first child, Christopher Bryan was born June 1, 1955 at the Fort Sill Army hospital. She raised her young family as a military wife stationed in Bamberg and Frankfurt Germany, Birmingham Alabama and San Antonio Texas. She dedicated her life to raising her four boys and loved nothing more than cheering them on at the many athletic events she proudly attended. She was affectionately called "mom" by all of her kids' friends and loved by all who knew her. The most important thing to Norma Jean was family. After her boys had left the house and started their own lives, she dedicated her attention to caring for her aging Aunt Mary and her own mother. Aunt Mary moved in with Fred and Norma Jean after they relocated to Chicago, where Norma Jean took care of her until her death at 95. After her

Aunt had passed, she moved on to taking care of her aging mother in Kerrville, Texas. After retirement, she and Stu moved to Houston to be near three of their sons and the new pride and joy of her life, her two grandkids, Hunter and Chad II. There was nothing she would not do for those boys and they loved her very much. The time they spent with their grandmother will always be remembered fondly.

The last few years of her life passed peacefully while she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. She was tenderly cared for by her devoted husband. She died peacefully in her sleep next to the man that she loved.

She was predeceased by her parents Roy and Elizabeth Jennings and her dearly loved little brother Joe Allen Jennings. She is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years Fred E. Stewart Jr. and the pride and joy of her life, her four sons Chris, Chuck, Craig and Chad and two grandsons Chad and Hunter. The family will be present to receive friends on Tuesday evening, April 17, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with a Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors. The Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday morning, April 18, 2012 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. A private interment will be held at VA Houston National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Rosary

APR 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

APR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Stewart*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Norma Jean Stewart*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Norma Jean Stewart*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Norma Jean Stewart*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“ To The Stewart Family,  
*I'm very sorry for the death that you've experienced in your family recently. There are some scriptures found in gods word, that have encouraged me in the past when it comes to losing one of our loved ones. John 11:25 says... "He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."  
I also agree with the bible when it says at Acts 24:15... That "there will be a resurrection, of both the righteous and unrighteous"! Revelation 21:4 states " Death will be no more." "The former things have passed away." What a wonderful time to live when these scriptures will be fulfilled!  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.. please know that I'm thinking of you and your family during this hardship.  
Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Caleb Aniol*

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caleb aniol - April 21, 2012 at 06:40 AM



“ Mom,  
  
*I will always love you and will cherish all of my memories with you. You are a special woman and have taught me many things. I know to always wear a smile, never say anything if it is not positive, and I know that respect is earned, and once lost, very hard to regain. Thank you for always loving me, even when I screwed up and making me the person that I am today.*

*I LOVE YOU!*

*Chad*

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Chad Stewart - April 17, 2012 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Stewart.



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April 17, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Stewart.



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April 16, 2012 at 01:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Stewart.



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April 16, 2012 at 01:21 PM

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“ *My Condolence to our dear friends Chad and Kim. May god give you the strength to help you during this time.*

*"God gave us tears to make it through hard times, But he also gave us a smile to show others of his spirit." Gabriela Pena*

*Love you guys,  
Lee and Lallie  
Koltermann*



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**lallie Koltermann** - April 16, 2012 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. In our prayers. Love Always, Scott, Nancy and Madeleine Carey-Houston, TX*

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**Nancy Carey** - April 16, 2012 at 11:45 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Stewart.*



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April 16, 2012 at 09:44 AM



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April 16, 2012 at 09:40 AM



“ *To Stu and the boys, my deepest sympathy to you Stu and the boys, Norma Jean was my first cousin, Uncle Fred Zaroor (my father) Norma Jeans uncle. My dad, Fred Zaroor adored Norma and when us five girls came a long 13 years later Norma loved us like little sisters. When Stu was overseas she would put those boys in her car like a gypsy and would bring them down to see Aunt Blanche and Fred. Us girls, all looked up to her, I remember she was not lonely beautiful but sweet and caring. God Bless all of you, we will remember her always. Lovingly, Marcia Zaroor Owen.*

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marcia@46 - April 16, 2012 at 09:31 AM



“ *Jeneane Campbell purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Norma Jean Stewart.*



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**Jeneane Campbell** - April 14, 2012 at 03:39 PM



“ *My sincere condolences on your loss.*

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**Shawn E. Simon** - April 14, 2012 at 12:36 PM