



Norma Jean Clayton

May 8, 1947 - November 22, 2011

Obituary of Norma Jean Clayton

Norma Jean Gatti Miller Clayton, 64, of Fruitland Park, Florida passed away around 8:00pm on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Florida. She was born May 8th, 1947 in Wheeling, WV to Norman and Zula "Brownie" Gatti of St. Clairsville, Ohio who both preceded her in death. She attended Fairmont State University in Fairmont, WV and obtained her Master's Degree in Education. She was a beloved English teacher at River High School in Hannibal, Ohio for 30 years. She also taught at several schools in Central Florida including: Rimes Elementary and Fruitland Park Elementary in Fruitland Park, as well as Leesburg High School and Carver Middle School in Leesburg. She was active at the United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park, Florida. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was actively involved as an officer. She is survived in death by her husband, Howard Clayton, of Fruitland Park, Florida. Howard has 5 sisters and one brother. She is also survived by her son, Vincent Ricer and his wife Trish Ricer, of Belleview, Florida, Vincent, originally from St. Clairsville, Ohio and Trish, originally from Martins Ferry, Ohio along with beloved friends and family. Her funeral is planned for Saturday, Nov. 26th at 3:00 PM with a visitation from 2:00 " 3:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Fl. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation @ www.pulmonaryfibrosisfoundation.org or

American Lung Association @ www.lungusa.org.

Visitation

Visitation Saturday, November 26 from 2:00 " 3:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg.

Services

Her funeral is planned for Saturday, November 26th at 3:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation @ www.pulmonaryfibrosisfoundation.org or American Lung Association @ www.lungusa.org.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ I was so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I am heartbroken to find her mother, dad, and Norma Jean's obits. I have been looking for her family for years. My mother, Corrinne Baucum was best friends with her mother, Brownie and her Aunt Helen. Norma Jean, Carolyn, and I were good friends. We were from Wheeling and lived on Betty Zane Rd. My husband and I moved to Georgia in '67 and lost contact with everyone. My prayers and blessings are sent to her family.



Karen Sue Falland Stanley - Cartersville, GA. - June 26, 2017 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ so sorry to hear about yur loss,please know you are in my prayers.

patty smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Howard-I am so sorry about your loss! I loved Jeanie and you both and considered the two of you to be very special friends who I have missed since moving back to Kentucky. She was a very gracious, loving, caring lady and she will be missed! I believe with all my heart that God has another special guardian angel watching over all of us! Take care and God bless. love, Jenny

Jenny Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ I am having a hard time with this. I am grieving my friends passing.

Karen from Ohio - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Miller, she was one of my favorite teachers and she was one of the best. She touched many lives and will be missed by all.

Katie (Dietrich) Aanerud - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To Norma's loved ones, My heart is saddened and heavy with her passing, but I know her faith and heart were attuned with God. I will pray for all of you who will miss her so dearly; hopefully in time you shall know peace and acceptance. She now is with her heavenly family where she knows no fear or sorrow but light and love. God bless you all, Mary, her cousin from Ohio who shared many happy times with her in our childhood, teen and college years

Mary lou Klamut - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ I didn't know.....I lost a great friend. She helped me with the roped when I became principal at river high school.

karen from Ohio - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. she was such a great loving and caring teacher. she will be greatly missed.

Tara (Haslam) Lyman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I cannot imagine the loss you must be feeling. Please accept my sympathy. As for me, I have a huge hole in my heart and there is an empty spot in the world. I am sorry that life, time and work did not allow enough for us to to have that "someday." Know that she is happy in spirit with her beloved family and friends in heaven and that she is here on earth through our memories and all the lives that she has touched. Sue (Sines) Tarver cousin

Sue (Sines) Tarver - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Vince, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was such a inspiration to me, if it wasnt for her I would have not graduated from High School. She was a amazing, loving and caring person, I was honored to have called her my friend. She will be greatly missed, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Joy Allen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I met this beautiful person when I was 12 years old. She was my substitute teacher and when she moved on to get a job at the high school I followed there, entering the nineth grade and we became good friends. By the time I graduated we were very close, we had a bond. I was blessed to be a part of her life. She's influenced me in so many ways and always was there for me. I was blessed to be her matron of honor at her wedding and be there for her till she took her very last breath. It was the most precious moment because I know without a doubt she is in heaven. She was a good christian woman. She's touched so many people's lives and i hope i make her proud. She was like another mom to me I love you Jeanie.

Ashley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I want to give you my most sincere and heart felt sympathies. I truly LOVE Jeanne. She was a wonderful friend, a patient teacher, and a most impressive mentor to me. I have only known her for the last 6 years, but they have been blessed and full of laughter and insight. She is a great loss to not only the schools she so dedicatedly worked at, but to the 1,000's of children she has touched and the 1,000's of teachers she has coached. I will always cherish the knowledge I have gleaned from her and hold my memories of our times together as true treasures. Praying for you and your family. God Bless. Deepest regards, Kimberly Belcher

Kimberly Belcher - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Vince, I am very sorry to hear about your mom. She was a friend and fellow teacher and I will miss her.

Mike Longo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Howard and family, My deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers on this most difficult time. May God give you strength.

Mark Dierkes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Howard and Vincent, I am very sorry for your loss. Jeanne was a friend to me. I appreciated her candor and laughter all the time. I pray that you are able to find some peace in all of this. Sincerest regards, Kelly Kertz

Kelly Kertz - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“*Mrs. Miller was one of my most influential teachers, one of the reasons I became an English major, and a huge reason I excelled at it. I'm saddened to hear of her passing.*

Melissa Lehman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“*Norma was Mrs. Miller to me while I was a student at River High School in Hannibal, Ohio. She was truly inspirational. She nurtured my creativity and bolstered my confidence on more than one occasion. Her encouragement and passion for her students made every English class a pleasure. She took special care in looking after me during a difficult stage in my life (I'll never forget the time she approached me after having read something that I had written, just to make sure that I was all right). She really cared for all of us and we, in turn, cared deeply for her. For me, she was a saint. I am so very sorry for your loss. She will be missed and remembered with every fondness.*

Amy Little - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“*Mrs. Miller was my English teacher at River High School and I have often thought of her over the years. She was an amazing influence on many lives, mine included. Hers was one of the few classes I looked forward to attending. She was never afraid to tell us the truth about anything and she encouraged independent thinking. I'm sorry I never got the chance to tell her how much she meant to me. She will be greatly missed and always remembered.*

Melody Zucker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Howard and family I was so shocked to hear about Norma since we just spoke about a week or so ago. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Josefczyk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Vince and Family, sending warm thoughts and prayers to you all. Your Mom was a wonderful teacher. God Bless You!

John and Sue Hunnell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We both are so saddened by the passing of Norma Jean. We will miss her dearly. We have peace knowing she gets to see her loved ones again and we will see her again too when it's our time. Love to Howard, Vince and Trish. May God's love and peace be with you at this time and always

Cousin Ben and Nancy Gatti - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ With Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Clayton and to Vince and families. RIP my old friend, RIP.

Trudy Smith-Pyles - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of Jeanie. She was such a wonderful, caring teacher who profoundly impacted my life. She had a special way of molding her students' love of learning. Her fun-loving spirt served her well in relating to her students. I will miss her, but she will certainly never be forgotten.

Holly Baker-Potts - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Jeanie was a wonderful friend and coworker at FPES. Her dedication to making a difference in the lives of children was abundant. Her love of people, caring and kind ways, and her sense of humor will be truly missed by those of us fortunate enough to work with her. Jeanie, you will be missed by so many. May you rest peacefully until we meet again. My prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time. Diana Brown*

Diana Brown - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you guys during this time. We love you!*

Mark, Amanda, Krenna & Ethan Rahr - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Norma Jean Clayton*

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LS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Miller. I have been her Allergist for the past two years. It has always been a joy and peasure seeing her weekly. She was a very warm hearted woman and I looked forward to her visits. She will be truly missed.*

Lindsey Stitou - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM