



Norma Lee Winter

November 3, 1934 - June 25, 2021

Norma Lee Winter, 86, of Charleston, passed away peacefully June 25, 2021, at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

Norma was born November 3, 1934, a daughter of the late George and Tilly Walker. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Winter. She was a member of Temple Israel.

Norma dedicated her professional life to public education. She spent 11 years as a high school biology teacher before, in 1977, she became the only female high school principal in the state of West Virginia. She served as principal of Sissonville High School from 1977 to 1984 and then as principal of St. Albans High School from 1984 to 1988. In 1993, she earned a doctorate in public school administration.

Norma was never too old to try or learn new things. In her retirement, she learned to paint and gave painting lessons, and she wrote an autobiography about her life as a principal. She loved traveling with friends and family, visiting places such as China, England, and Hawaii. She enjoyed reading, quilting, and watching Law and Order. She died in the firm belief that she was in the right in every argument that she ever had.

Surviving are her sons, Gary Winter (Beth) of Charleston and Eddie Winter

(Beverly) of Beckley; brother, Wesley Walker of Saint Albans; grandchildren, Erin Winter, Lauren Winter, Josh Barton, Jason Barton and Jessica Winter; great grandchildren, Abraham and Tilly Price; and many other extended family and friends.

In accordance with the family's wishes, there will be no memorial services at this time. Norma will be buried next to her husband in Cunningham Memorial Park, Saint Albans.

The family suggests donations to Hubbard Hospice House at 1001 Curtis Price Way, Charleston WV 25311.

You may visit Norma's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Winter family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family, Erin.* ”



Susan Breece - July 15, 2021 at 01:20 PM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear of your Grandmother Norma passing Erin.* ”

Dolores Martin - July 13, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SK

“ *Mrs. Winter was my Biology teacher at St. Albans High in 1968. She was a great example to her students, inspiring and supporting so many. My sympathies to her family. I enjoyed speaking with her on Facebook in recent years. May her memory be a blessing.* ”

Susan Kelley - July 02, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ Mrs. Winters was a big influence on me at Sissonville High School where I graduated in 1984. I spent a lot of time with her talking about anything and everything. She took time to make sure we continued our conversations almost daily. She taught me how to become a critical thinker. Explained abstract thinking. How to always understand issues from both sides in order to be well versed before judging. And that you can understand many things but not have to agree, but you first have to understand. She always made me feel that what I had to say was important and never disrespected me even though I was a teenager. She always had my back. One thing I repeat often that she taught me was never make excuses for knowing. But make sure you know. My sincerest condolences to her family. I am a better person for what she taught me and grateful even now.

*Richie L. Fisher
SHS '84*

Richie Fisher - July 01, 2021 at 12:16 AM

WB

“ To the family of Norma, I am sorry for your loss. After teaching physical sciences at Winfield High for 6 years and receiving MS in biology at Marshall, I transferred to SAHS in 1971. Norma, Watha Powers, and I taught on the same “team”, the second of 2 teams of 3. I was new to teaching biology and certainly to team teaching. Norma helped me to navigate both situations new to me, and I’ve always appreciated her help and friendship.
Sincerely, Weldon Burrows

Weldon Burrows - June 30, 2021 at 11:45 AM

TW

Norma was the principal who gave me my first teaching job. I learned many things from her as a new teacher. Later when I became a principal, I remembered Norma's tenacity with adults and caring demeanor with students. She touched the lives of many people, students and adults and I will be forever grateful that she gave me the opportunity to become a teacher and learn by her example.

Tom Williams - June 30, 2021 at 06:52 PM

 Scott Mitchell

I was Norma's neighbor on South Washington St. and mowed her yard for many years. She was such a nice lady and always kind to us. Hate to hear of her passing.

Scott Mitchell - June 30, 2021 at 07:37 PM

DB

“ My favorite teacher. Biology 1967. She pointed me to a career in science. Rest In Peace lovely lady .

David Barna - June 29, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Winter came to Sissonville High School my senior year. She was a lovely lady and a great leader.

Joyce Keough - June 29, 2021 at 08:58 AM

PH

“ i had mrs winter for biology tenth grade,wonderful lady.i have never forgotten her.so sorry for your loss.

phyllis henson - June 29, 2021 at 08:39 AM