



Norma (Root) Morrison

September 14, 1935 - November 3, 2025

Norma (Root) Morrison of Gravois Mills, Missouri, died on November 3, 2025, at the age of 90 with her two children Valerie (Morrison) Galloway and Craig Morrison by her side.

Norma was born on September 14, 1935, in Morgan County, Missouri to Clarence and Neva (Marriott) Root. She was preceded in death by her younger brother, Alson Root who she deeply loved and protected.

Norma married Billy "Red" Morrison, on her sixteenth birthday, September 14, 1951. The couple had two children, Valerie (Morrison) Galloway and Billy "Craig" Morrison. Norma and Red had four grandchildren, Zach Morrison, Travis Galloway, Morgan Galloway, and Alex Galloway. In the years following Red's death in 1998, Norma celebrated five great-grandchildren and recently marveled at her new great-great-grandson.

Norma spent her life at the Lake of the Ozarks and swore it was the most incredible place on Earth. She and Red owned various businesses at the lake including Gravois Boat and Dry Dock (later known as Blue Anchor), Morrison's Mooring (later known as Millstone Marina), Morrison's Realty, and Laurie Realty. Norma's identity as a realtor was an incredibly proud accomplishment and afforded her opportunities in her life that would have been fantastical to generations preceding her including waking up each day with a view of the

beautiful Lake of the Ozarks.

Following Red's death, Norma was married to John Berlett until his death in 2015. She was delighted to have found a partner to spend many years with, and she would often say he "adored" her.

Norma will be remembered by friends and family as having a spirit and passion far beyond her small stature which led her to relentlessly pursue her dreams. Friends and family are encouraged to attend Norma's visitation on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

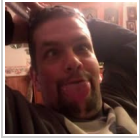
Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Tribute Wall



“ Nate Lofland lit a candle in memory of Norma (Root) Morrison



Nate Lofland - November 15, 2025 at 04:48 AM

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“ I first met Norma as a neighbor to my parents who bought a small lake house in Morning Sun over 50 years ago. As the years went by, she became a such good friend. She encouraged my husband and me to invest in lake property and we were so delighted to eventually enjoy the “Swiss Chalet” she and Red lived in at one time in Morning Sun - our dream Lake Home. My husband and I spent many hours swapping stories with her throughout the years every time we came to the Lake. When John came into her life, he joined the story swap as well. He did adore Norma. But then, pretty much everyone did. She was such a beautiful and fun person. I will always remember her first excellent advice when sitting across the kitchen table from my husband and me as we were trying to decide about buying our first lake property. She looked us in the eye and said firmly, “It’s only a car payment.” She was right. That purchase and the ones that followed gave us wonderful memories with family and friends. When I lost my husband in 2017, Norma and I shared how lucky we were to have found the loves of our lives and had time with them. I will never forget her. May God bless her family during this difficult time.

Jamie Christie - November 08, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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“ *What a great lady and wonderful person! Rest in peace my dear friend.*

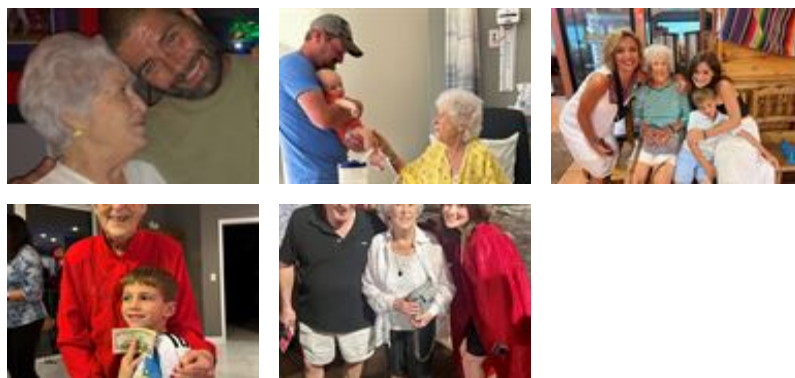
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Preston Moore - November 07, 2025 at 08:19 PM



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“ *Norma not only helped us with four real estate transactions, but in the process she also became a friend. My sympathy to Craig and his family and Norma's daughter and family as they celebrate their wonderful mother's love and legacy.*

Vera Shinn - November 06, 2025 at 10:39 PM



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