

of
Norma Willa Busby

August 25th 1933 to February 7th 2023

In Loving
MEMORY



February 21st 2023
at eleven o'clock in the morning

Thomas Funeral Home

4520 Salem Avenue
Trotwood, Ohio 45416

Norma Willa Busby

born on August 25, 1933 in Cincinnati, Ohio to William and Coela Dean, the second daughter of seven children, affectionately called "Baba" by her grandchildren, with grace and humility passed away at Bethany Village Assisted Living on February 7, 2023 at the age of 89.

Norma graduated from Woodward High School (1950), attended the University of Cincinnati, but because she was not able to complete her degree, joined the 7260th Support Squadron, United States Air Force where as Airman 2nd Class, she worked as a court reporter. From July 1952 to July 1955, she served in West Palm Beach, FL; England; Scotland; Utah; Colorado; and Germany. During her service, she played on the Air Force Women's Basketball Team travelling to Switzerland, Ireland, France, and numerous cities throughout Germany. She was honorably discharged in Manhattan, NYC. As an Airman she saved her money and upon her return to Cincinnati, obtained a new apartment, purchased new clothes, as well as six rooms of furniture to relocate her brother, younger sisters, and mother.

In 1958, Norma married Arthur Howard Busby; not much later they moved north to Dayton. In her first job in Dayton, she worked for the Dayton Urban League. Later, she worked at the Girl Scout Council, McCall's, then eventually the Dayton Board of Education.

Norma was smart, independent, outspoken, funny, brilliant, stylish, strategic, resourceful, headstrong, protective, graceful, persuasive, and so much more. She always got the job done. As a mother, she made sure that her children were well educated, engaged in sports, exposed to arts & culture, and well travelled. Many of her standards have been promulgated to the current generation of her grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her sisters Ruthie Davis (Dean), Janet Pugh (Dean), and her brother, William (Billie) as well as her nephew, Coelem (Davis). She is survived by her daughter, Angela Busby-Blackburn (Columbus, MS) and her two daughters, Olivia Busby (Baltimore, MD) and Sydne Blackburn (Cincinnati, OH) and by her son, Arthur Busby, Jr. (Cleveland, OH) and his two children, Jason Busby and Mia Busby (Houston, TX), as well as her sisters Joanne Armstrong (Dean), Arnita Hodges (Dean), nieces – Karol, Terri, Shauna, Erika, Holly and nephews – Terrence, Eric, Ian, and various friends.

Norma will be greatly missed by many.

Norma Willa Busby



We love you Baba!

Order of Celebration Service



This Service is a Celebration of the Life of Norma Willa Busby.

REMEMBERING NORMA

Friends

Family

EUTOLOGY

Daughter of Norma

ACKNOWLEDGE & APPRECIATION

Norma's family expresses sincere appreciation for everyone's kindness, friendship, expressions of condolences, and attendance today.

The family extends its special appreciation to the staff at Bethany Village who provided care to our precious Mother over the years - Stephanie Bennet (nurse), Dani Tosic (nurse), Crystal Dillon (activity coordinator), Leslie Reynolds (dietician), Desire Malone (social worker), Dr. Patel, and Dr. Ware.

We invite you to participate in the procession to the Dayton Veterans Affairs where Norma will receive her Military Honors.

Family and friends are invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship at Troll Pub at the Wheelhouse, 216 Wayne Avenue, OREGON DISTRICT.