



## Norma Blackburn Shackelford

April 28, 1926 - June 28, 2021

In loving memory of Norma Blackburn Shackelford who passed away peacefully Monday, June 28, 2021, in Parrish, Florida. She was born on April 28, 1926, to Thomas and Nora Blackburn of Bowling Green, Florida. Norma graduated from Hardee High School and Florida State University, with a degree in Home Economics. Norma married Rufus E. Shackelford on July 19, 1948. They were both born and raised in Hardee County. Norma went on to teaching Home Economics at her Alma mater until she decided to become a full-time homemaker raising five children. Norma was an elegant and refined woman with impeccable taste with a flair for decorating and fashion. She had a passion for plants and was known for her ability to make them grow and flourish. She and Rufus' greatest joy in life was their family, instilling a legacy of faith and honor. She was also an involved mother and grandmother who loved spending time with family and friends. Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Shackelford, her parents Thomas and Nora Blackburn along with four brothers and one sister.

Norma is survived by her five devoted children: Scott Shackelford (Alice) of Parrish FL, Gary Shackelford (Lida) of Parrish FL., Bruce Shackelford (Marcie) of Parrish FL., Karen James (Mark) of Punta Gorda FL., and Brent Shackelford (Elizabeth) of Bradenton FL. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Megan Day(Charlie), Ansley Turncliff (Matt), Jenny Malkovich (Jon), Chelsea Shackelford, Kyle Shackelford, Devin Howell (Marty), Sara James, Matt James, Ryan Shackelford, Katie Rosenfels (Chuck), and Andrew Shackelford.

Also blessed with 9 great-grandchildren: Asher, Caroline, Sophie, Greyson, Bennett, Deacon, Hazel, Eliza, and Amelia.

Funeral Services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Friday, July 2, 2021 with a viewing from 10:00 am until 11:00 am followed by both church and graveside services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church  
1999 State Road 64 East  
Wauchula, FL 33873

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was privileged to have known Norma for close to 30 years. I lived across the street from her for 20 years. I got to have wonderful visits & discussions with her over those years. She watched my boys grow up, always interested in all they were doing. We enjoyed the homemade cookies and fudge she'd send our way at Christmas. Speaking of Christmas that lady decorated a giant Christmas tree well into her 80's. I expressed my concern for her safety, but she assured me she had her cell phone in her pocket if she fell! I know she so enjoyed hosting her family during the holidays making everything festive. We will miss her as will many in River Wilderness. Our sincere condolences to the family, The Hausingers, Joanne, Jeff, Andrew, & Joe

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Joanne Hausinger - July 13, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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“ She was a teacher that I have always remembered. I made my first dress and with 3 other girls cooked our first meal. I graduated in 55 and was 9th grade when she taught. I just never have forgot the memories that was made. My prayers are with the family.



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Anna Jane Simmons Evers - June 30, 2021 at 10:39 AM