



Norene A. Buchner

January 10, 1939 - January 6, 2014

Norene Avis Buchner, 74, passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at the Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie, WI. She was born Jan. 10, 1939 in Flint, MI, lived most of her life in Libertyville and has been a resident of Round Lake Beach for the past 10 years. She received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Library Science from Western Michigan University, where she was a member of the Kappa Phi Sorority. Norene was a librarian for the Oak Grove School District in Libertyville and the Big Hollow School District in Ingleside. She was also the former owner of the Nautilus Fitness Center in Gurnee. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Libertyville where she served on PADS, was a board member of A Safe Place, board member of the Lake County Center for Independent Living, AAUW, Girl Scout leader for 25 years and past president of her Red Hat Society. Surviving are her husband William Buchner; 3 children, Cathy (Dave) Mardon of Kenosha, WI, Carole (Scott) Ollendick of Lindenhurst and Emery (Julie) Buchner of Austin, TX; 5 Grandchildren, Megan, Lexi, Doug, Dana and Alejandro; sisters, Vera Hunt and Dorothy Kowal ; sister-in-law, Louise Werden, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Luella Werden and by her brother, the Rev. Donald Werden. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at the United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Ave. Libertyville. Interment for her family will be on Monday at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one

block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the United Methodist Church, Lake County Center for Independent Living or the Hospice Alliance of Pleasant Prairie, WI. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ To Cathy, Carole and Emery and family, my family sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. Aunt Norene was truly a wonderful woman. I will always carry fond childhood memories of summers shared with her. She was a great scout and I joined when I was in first grade. Thinking that I wanted to do all the wonderful things Girl Scouts had to offer. She and Aunt Vera were my inspiration in the scout programs. My husband and I were very involved in both boys and girls scouting for over 12 years. Thank you to wonderful Aunts, like Norene whom shared there love and passed it on. May God bring you comfort as he takes Aunt Norene to her Heavenly home. She will be missed. So very glad I shared a special moment with her in October. Love and Hugs, Mari Lue and kids

Mari L. Andersen - June 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JS

“ Dear Cathy, Carole and Emery,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

We are so grateful for the time that we spent with Aunt Norene on Dec. 18 and that she was well enough to enjoy Christmas with you and your families.

She was a special person and I feel fortunate to have had her for an Aunt. Her zest for life was an inspiration. We will miss her. My Mom is especially mourning the loss of her baby sister.

Love,
Judy (Hunt) and Jim Szidik

Judy (Hunt) and Jim Szidik - June 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

DW

“ RIP Aunt Norene.

Don Werden - June 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

PM

“ I was blessed to have the world's three best Aunts. Aunt Norene influenced my life in many ways. My love of reading and books came from many summers spent with her and Aunt Dorothy. In the eighties, I became a Christian clown. Aunt Norene was so excited to see what I was doing she said, " I can do this!" And she did. She used to send me many surprises in the mail that I cherished. Some were stickers "have you hugged a clown today?" Which I used at the hospitals and children's events.

I am sorry for the loss of your wife, Mother and Grandmother. Heaven's gain is to be absent in the body is to be present with The Lord. She is now in Heaven with my daddy, her big brother. Aunt Norene, you brought love and comfort to my life buy sharing you zest for it in all you did. You will be truly missed. Love, Peggy Lynn

Peggy Lynn and Rev. Butch Martin - June 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

KO

“ Carole, Scott and family. So sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories and always know she will be your guiding light. Sincere condolences, Kim and Jamie Oechsle

Kimberly Oechsle - June 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

BV

“ What an amazing woman, Mrs. B was someone I spent a lot of time with growing up as my long-time girl scout leader. I will never forget some of the amazing memories we shared together in Scouts. She will never be forgotten and forever have a place in my family's heart.

Brit Vipham - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

BH

“ I will never forget seeing Aunt Norene this October, when she joined other members of our family in Holland. She had been in the hospital, and we didn't expect that she would make it. When she came through that door, the look on Mom's (Vera's) face was priceless. Tears streamed down her face, and there were a few in mine as well. Seeing all three sisters together really warmed our hearts! When Aunt Norene returned home, she went back in the hospital - there's no way she should have made a trip that far - so I'm grateful that God allowed us to have that time with her. I'm so thankful for that iron-willed, grit-your-teeth-and-bear-it spirit of hers that kept blessing so many of us to the very end. And I'm really grateful that it's not the end, but the beginning of a new life for her! Aunt Norene, thank you for all the ways you've loved us, and are loving us even now. We need your prayers now, more than ever!

Bob Hunt - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

LW

“ I was so sorry to hear about Norene passing away, she was a wonderful sister that I will miss so very much. She has always been a blessing in my life. I will be praying for all of you in this hour of need.

Love you,
Aunt Louise

Louise Werden - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

CO

“ I was so sorry to hear about Norene's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at Oak Grove School in the '70's, and fondly remember her enthusiasm, sense of humor, and up-beat personality! I attended an Oak Grove reunion 2 summers ago, and it was so great to see her there! I was so impressed with all the memories she had of the time we worked together. My deepest condolences to her family. Cindy O'Connell

Cindy O'Connell - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

WH

“ Dear family, We are so sad to hear of Aunt Norene's passing but glad that she is settled in a better place where all her struggles are over. We wish that the distance was not so great preventing us attending the funeral. We are glad of the chance that we had to see you all at Mom/Vera's birthday, and at our Diane's wedding summer of 2012. We are praying for you all. Jan and Bill Hunt

William and Janice Hunt - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

MB

“ What a blessing to have known Norene and shared with her in church/UMW planning and events. Her presence and influence will be missed, but she leaves quite a legacy throughout the community. May the family be comforted by precious memories.

MaryAnn Burson - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

CG

“ Chuck taught with Norene at Oak Grove and Pat worked with her at Big Hollow School. While Norene worked at Oak Grove she hosted faculty family gatherings at her home in Bull Creek. We remember those fondly. Norene always kept us updated on the passing of former fellow teachers. We were saddened to read her obituary in our Kenosha News. God be with you, Norene. Our prayers are with your family!!

Chuck and Pat Gohs - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

BB

“ Thank you for your commitment to teaching and sharing your love of books. May you rest in Peace, Brooke

Brooke Bolster - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

ES

“ Please accept my sympathy for your loss. I know you will miss her, but I know you have so many happy memories of her time here on earth. I will miss our many telephone conversations and times together at Big Hollow.

Elizabeth Shafer - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

TH

“ Cathy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Our Deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Mother

The Hastings - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ We have a photo on our dining room table from Mom's 90th birthday party in October. It shows three wonderful sisters (Norene, Dorothy, and Vera) enjoying the moment and each other's company. Near the photo is a candle, which we light in their honor. Our thoughts are with you, and with everyone who gathers to celebrate her life.
Jeanne and Margie

January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM