



Noma Ann Byrum

December 22, 1915 - August 14, 2013

Noma Ann “Granny B” Byrum of Lancaster, Texas was born December 22, 1915 in DeSoto, Texas to Thomas Jefferson and Millie Fleetie (Cheshier) Chowning. She passed from this life into her eternal home on August 14, 2013.

Noma owned and operated Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster since 1950. She spent her life serving her family, friends, church and community. She was a charter member of the Lancaster Business and Professional Women’s Club and the Lancaster Garden Club. She was active in PTA while her children were in Lancaster schools. Noma was especially excited when she was awarded the “Community Builder Award” from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas on May 28, 2002.

Noma was baptized into Christ as a young girl and was a faithful child of God. She was a member of the Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie. She was totally devoted to all of her brothers and sisters in Christ throughout her lifetime. Now she will receive all the blessings that she has been promised by her heavenly Father.

Noma was preceded in death by her husband Willfred Esque Byrum on July 19, 1993. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers Lynn, Frelan, Elton, Wayne & Vernon Chowning; sisters Maggie Pickard & Selma Gallagher. She is survived by son Berdon Byrum & wife Connie; granddaughter Stephanie Jones & husband Joe, and children Dustin, Zachary & Cody; grandson Shawn Byrum and children Ally and Erin; Also surviving are

her daughter Sandra Terry & husband Jack; Granny's granddaughter Kathy Lemmond & husband Randy and children Jeff Lemmond & wife Kacy and their children Madison, Taylor and Jack who filled Granny B's life with love and excitement on a daily basis, Lee Lemmond & girlfriend Annie Crow, Katie Mathes & husband Dustin, Toni Vincent & husband Paul and children Thomas, Jacob, & Zachary; Granny's grandson Mark Terry & wife Shelly, and children John Terry & girlfriend Autumn Daniel, Rebecca Terry, Taylor Dolaway, Shree Dolaway and children Ethan & Aeva; and the Douglas family Dickie, Rita, Amie, Scott & wife Laurie, their children Lauren, Reagan & Dylann

Granny "B" is also survived by sisters-in-law Margaret Chowning and Nell Phillips; many nieces, nephews and cousins from the Chowning, Cheshier, and Byrum families; the Jack Lowrey family; the Roben Hanes family; Eunice Sandling, the Don Norrell family, Ike Craddock; the Wayne Roberts family; the Daugherty family (especially her "secret grandchildren" Colton & Taylor from Beltline @ Main Church of Christ); the Pierces, Burgins, Kokorudas, Stewarts, Baileys, Medfords, Chambers; everyone in her church family; and numerous other wonderful friends who have also made her life on this earth meaningful and happy for all of her ninety seven plus years. Special thanks to her doctors, Bill Christensen, Don Phillips and Charles Waldrop who have always been there when she needed them. Bristol Hospice of Waxahachie provided comfort during her last days.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Noma's family requests that memorials be made to the Brown Street Church of Christ Building Fund, Lancaster Outreach, Dallas Christian School Athletic Association, or charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road
Lancaster, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brown Street Church of Christ
2471 Brown Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Funeral Service

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ God has been good to us, but we miss you in so many ways. Jack leaving us has been hard on all the kids, grands, and greats and (great great). While I thought I was ready for him to leave, I miss him in ways I never thought possible. His presence got me through many days and nights even though he really was not aware of how much I needed him here in the flesh. This life journey is definitely not for the weak in mind, body, or spirit. I praise God every day that I was blessed to have you as my mother. Thank you for teaching me to love my family and especially to love God and Jesus and to do their will to the best of my ability.
I love you and miss you, Sandra

Sandra Terry - August 14, 2022 at 03:02 PM

ST

“ August 13, 2021 - 8 years have passed. We still miss you and are thankful for all the memories we shared. Your great great grandchildren know your name and have been taught as you would want them to be taught...to love God first and each other. Thank you for your example. I am trying to stay the course and receive a home with you in heaven.
I love you, Sandra

Sandra Terry - August 22, 2021 at 04:54 PM

SA

“ *Mother, Another Christmas - this one very different because of a nasty virus called COVID-19. It has changed the lives of every person in the known world. No need to explain. I am sure you must be looking down below and praising God that you are not still here. I know that I am so thankful that you did not have to endure the fear that it has caused. We are dealing with changes as they come and facing the future with faith in God and the knowledge that we are just passing through on our way to eternity. Joy and peace are ours because Jesus died for us and we can all be together again.*

Sandra - December 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

SA

“ *Mother, we had our Christmas celebration together Friday evening with great food and lots of fun with kids, grandkids, and great grandkids and a real live Santa. You were there with us in our memories. We spoke about you to the little ones knowing that you have had a wonderful influence on their lives and will continue to be a part of them as long as they live. Thank you for teaching us faith in God, hope for the future, and a peace in knowing that God is in control. Love you always!*

Sandra - December 22, 2019 at 09:53 AM

SA

“ *Your birthday is still a day of celebration for us. We love you and will always treasure our memories of the time we spent with you. We miss you!*

Sandra - December 22, 2018 at 09:51 AM

SM

“ *I was just thinking of you
I know you'll be saving my seat when I get home
Love Scott*

Scott McClure - December 18, 2018 at 12:39 PM

SA

“ *Mother, I have shared your recipe for waffles with Becca this year.
Your legacy just goes on and on. We miss you, but we celebrate all
the good times we had when you were with us. Your faith and love
will carry us through until we are together again.
Sandra*

sandra - December 22, 2017 at 10:53 AM

SA

“ *Mother,
Four years! You are ever present in my life. I miss you! I love you!
Sandra*

Sandra - August 20, 2017 at 01:55 PM

SA

“ *Mother, Thinking of you on December 22. We celebrate your
memory with so many who love you as we do. You are definitely
missed during this Christmas season. You enjoyed this time of year
so much (candy, turkey & dressing, friends, family, kids and more
kids).
You were an awesome Mother. I think of you every day and thank
God for the years we shared.*

Sandra - December 22, 2016 at 04:19 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Sandra - December 22, 2016 at 04:08 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Terry - September 25, 2016 at 05:34 PM

ST

“ *Mother,
August 14th is here again. Three years and in some ways it seems like yesterday.
This has been a difficult week. Memories both heartbreaking and joyful. I miss you! I am so blessed that I was able to be with you until God took you home. I am at peace knowing that you are in His care.
I love you More
Sandra*

Sandra Terry - August 14, 2016 at 12:03 PM

SA

“ *Mother,
August 14th was a tough day!!!! You left us two years ago and we all miss you as though it was yesterday. The unconditional love that you gave to all of us continues to be our strength and shield. We are very thankful that you are free from all earthly cares and that you are resting in God's hands. It will be a glorious day when we all meet again. I love you.*
Sandra

Sandra - August 15, 2015 at 10:07 AM

ST

“ *Mother,
We miss you so much. You are in my thoughts and in my heart.
Love you MORE
Sandra*

sandra terry - December 25, 2013 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ *Sandra, Berdon and Families - so sorry to hear of Noma's passing - she was truly a wonderful friend to all and to our family (Dale and Kathleen Rigby). Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Bud and Jackie Rigby Barnett, Pittsburg, TX

jackie Barnett - August 23, 2013 at 02:24 PM

DN

“ I enjoyed my time working at the funeral home. Noma always made me feel at home and fed me well! Great lady and a pioneer in our business. I was sad to hear she passed. She took good care of me!



David Navarrete

David Navarrete - August 17, 2013 at 09:45 AM

MC

“ I have so many great memories of Noma. She was truly a Christian lady. She thought good of everyone. I know she is having a great reunion with Rabel and Florence and so many others. Can't wait to see her again. Won' it be wonderful there.

Love to you all, Marily Cunningham

Marilyn Cunningham - August 16, 2013 at 09:28 PM

NL

“ Sandra and Family, Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Love,
Eugene, Norma Jean Loftin & Family*

Norma Loftin - August 16, 2013 at 07:37 PM

Paula
Barnes

“ Blessings to the Byrum Family. Losing your
Granny is a true heartache. Prayers with you
all.
Paula Dodd Barnes



Paula Barnes - August 16, 2013 at 06:09 PM

SS

“ You can almost hear the laughter from here.....what a great lady.
We were all blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you all.

Love,
Selinda & David

Selinda Swinford - August 16, 2013 at 12:49 PM

MT

“ Granny was such an amazing lady. I am so privileged to have had
the chance to know her. Best cook ever, best Christmas stocking
maker ever, full of life, cheated (not really - just always beat me) at
UNO, was always willing to have a tea party or play Mother May I at
the drop of a hat - any time, day or night. She was a precious one.
Love you Granny. Can't wait to see you again.

Mary Terry - August 16, 2013 at 12:08 PM

CK

“ Memories of Noma will always bring me back to my "happy place"
at BAM. I loved this beautiful lady to the moon and back and will
always cherish the love she gave to me.

Cindy Keller - August 16, 2013 at 11:45 AM

PS

“ Dear Noma is now in heaven with her best friend and my grandmother, Florence. Although very saddened by her loss, I know she is happy to be with Jesus giving Him all the glory for her wonderful life here on earth! Peace and comfort be with the family and know we love you all!



Paige Salinas - August 16, 2013 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ We are saddened to hear of Noma's death. Mr. & Mrs. Byrum were wonderful friends and colleagues during the years that Jackie & I owned Rudolph-Snider Funeral Home in Waxahachie. Lancaster has lost one of its outstanding citizens. Our prayers are with the Family.

John A. Snider

John A. Snider - August 16, 2013 at 09:47 AM

AJ

“ Noma was a special friend to my mother. They are now rejoicing together in Heaven! Noma was a great lady, and I know the family and people of Lancaster will miss her.

Arlene Jordan - August 16, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ Noma loved everyone. She will have many stars in her crown. Beautiful heart. I loved her very much.

Billie Patton - August 16, 2013 at 05:45 AM

DY

“ *She was such a Special lady to me. Always had a smile. Diane Yates*

Diane Yates - August 15, 2013 at 09:32 PM

DR

“ *Dena Reneau lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



Dena Reneau - August 15, 2013 at 05:01 PM

HT

“ *Sandra, Berdon, and family - our deepest sympathy. Harold & Mary*

Harold & Mary Thompson - August 15, 2013 at 03:39 PM

DP

“ *...was one church ladies night out...swapping cars Chinese fire drill....count taken. Someone was missing. There in back of other car was Noma wearing big grin.....I'm not switching! Please Save us all a seat!*

diane pittard - August 15, 2013 at 12:44 PM

BW

“ *Bennye Ward Waskom and Dorothy Ward purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Noma Ann Byrum.*



Bennye Ward Waskom and Dorothy Ward - August 15, 2013 at 12:20 PM

LH

“ WE ARE VERY SAD AT THE LOSS OF NOMA, BUT WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE LIVED BY A VERY SPECIAL AND SO LOVED LADY. SHE WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED! I SO TREASURE THE INTERESTING AND FUNNY STORIES SHE SHARED THROUGH THE YEARS DURING OUR ASSOCIATION AT THE FUNERAL HOME. NOMA BYRUM REPRESENTED EVERYTHING HAPPY AND GOOD TO ME AND I REALLY LOVED HER, SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY.
LOIS AND BILL HOLMES

LOIS HOLMES - August 15, 2013 at 11:32 AM

LH

WE JUST RETURNED HOME FROM THE BEAUTIFUL SERVICE FOR A SAINT OF A WOMAN--NOMA. WHAT A SPECIAL TRIBUTE AND MUST SAY TO THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY YOU WERE SO GOOD TO YOUR LOVED ONE IN HER HOURS OF NEED. MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT EACH OF YOU NOW AND ALWAYS! MUCH LOVE FROM
BILL HOLMES AND LOIS HITT HOLMES

LOIS HOLMES - August 17, 2013 at 03:42 PM

DS

“ Dear family,
I am saddened to hear the news. I thank you so much for the time that was given to Janet and I while I worked there. Granny B was always so kind to me. She was a great picture of life and I will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family in the coming days!!!

Dave Sanson - August 15, 2013 at 09:52 AM

DH

“ *Duny And Tammy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



Duny and Tammy Hollingsworth - August 15, 2013 at 09:47 AM

KT

“ *Kim Thompson lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



Kim Thompson - August 15, 2013 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ *The Davis Family lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



The Davis Family - August 15, 2013 at 08:52 AM

TD

Mrs Noma is a very precious and blessed daughter of God's and even though she will be missed here on earth she is in heaven rejoicing with the angels and Jesus her Savior. Our condolences to the Family. We love ya'll and are praying for yall. God Bless Ya'll from your friends Montie, Shane, Brenda, Bre', and D.J. Davis

The Davis's - August 15, 2013 at 09:03 AM

MS

“ *Mark, Janie, Laura And Dalton Smith lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



Mark, Janie, Laura and Dalton Smith - August 15, 2013 at 02:03 AM

DK

“ *Dan And Cindy Keller lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



Dan and Cindy Keller - August 15, 2013 at 12:40 AM

MG

“ *I am sorry to see that Mrs. Byrum passed away. I shared the news with my mother, Mrs. Edgar Ray Ground and she told me she new Mrs. Byrum, very well when our family lived in DeSoto, many years ago. My parents (Edgar Ray & Mickie Ground) were good friends with all the Chowning boys and mom thought the world of Mrs. Gallagher. Byrum Funeral Home took care of my grandfathers (Burt Ground) funeral, in March of 1960. I always like to check the Byrum F.H. website for obituaries of people we used to know when we lived in DeSoto, so I was saddened to see Mrs. Byrum. I pray that the Lord will make his comforting presence known to the family, as a special chapter in their life has closed and a new one has opened. With deepest sympathy, Mark Ground, Paris, TX.*

Mark Ground - August 14, 2013 at 09:31 PM

MS

“ Prayers in behalf of so many who cherished this lovely woman of God who had a gift of giving comfort and a precious smile to everyone with whom she made a connection. I have a picture of Noma and my Mother (Kathleen Bailey) in their early 20's. Noma always treated our family as more than kinfolk. Love her and her family forever. Mary Nell (Bailey) Starr

Mary Starr - August 14, 2013 at 09:08 PM

JC

“ Jackie Cook lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum



Jackie Cook - August 14, 2013 at 08:52 PM

JC

“ I was very honored to be Noma's hairdresser for several years...she loved her family, friends and never met a stranger. She will be missed by so many and was one very special lady. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend. She was definitely a class act and a true Christian woman who loved life. Prayers to all who knew and loved her. Heaven has an angel now that can sprout her wings as she did here on earth...love love this lady and her sweet family!!
Xxoo

Jackie Cook - August 14, 2013 at 08:51 PM

HN

“ There has never been another lady as sweet or lovely as Noma and I will always have such fond memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are surely with you all.

*With much love,
Holly Hitt Niner*

Holly Hitt Niner - August 14, 2013 at 08:41 PM

SS

“ Sweet, sweet Granny B! My family always loved her and we always felt loved by her! Heaven has gained a special angel.

Stacy Stone - August 14, 2013 at 08:21 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Noma Ann Byrum.



August 14, 2013 at 07:21 PM

DY

“ Maybe someday we will ride together in her Cadillac, of course she will be the driver. Don

Don/Rebecca Yates - August 14, 2013 at 07:12 PM

DY

“ Sandra & Jack and all the children, you were so blessed to have such a wonderful mother and grandmother, we were blessed just to know her and more to love her. Memories will be with us forever. The care the whole Byrum family has shown the Yates family since 1950 has been so comforting, just your love and care has strengthened us. Now it is our turn to return the favor. God bless and keep. Don/Rebecca Yates and family.

Don/Rebecca Yates - August 14, 2013 at 07:09 PM

TF

“ Noma was a wonderful Christian lady and will be truly missed by all she knew and loved

The Chet Jones family - August 14, 2013 at 05:26 PM

PC

“ I feel so blessed to have known Mrs. Noma. No matter how long it would be since I had seen her, she always remembered me and had such kind words. Her smile and beauty would light up a room and you just felt her heart warm the room. She lived such a long and active life, touched so many lives, helped many families through some of the roughest days of their life and she has left this world with a legacy of what a precious lady she truly was. I can't thank her enough for bringing some sunshine to my life when I really needed it. RIP, sweet lady!

Pam Crouse - August 14, 2013 at 05:13 PM

TF

“ *The Chet Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



The Chet Jones family - August 14, 2013 at 03:23 PM

LL

“ *Growing up I always thought Noma was the prettiest, happiest lady! Many happy memories of spending time with the Byrums! Heart felt condolences...*



Lisa Bain Lankford - August 14, 2013 at 02:24 PM

TC

“ *Tammie Chowning lit a candle in memory of Noma Ann Byrum*



tammie chowning - August 14, 2013 at 12:54 PM

TC

“ *Aunt Noma ,I loved you so much ,you were always so sweet to Tommy Ray and all of us. Thank you for being such a wonderful Aunt .you will forever be in our thoughts and prayers .always .Tammie.*

tammie chowning - August 14, 2013 at 12:53 PM

MM

“ Sweet Noma is one of those rare, special people whom you expect to live forever on this earth because it seemed she would always have something to teach, something to offer, a way to bless others with her presence. The passing of her precious soul is a reminder that none of us will live here forever. Lancaster has lost a legend, and the world has lost an angel. If only we could all pass with the same assurance of (and longing for) Heaven, this world would be a much better place. Thank you to her family for so generously "sharing" her with the rest of us, as if she were our own Granny B. May the Lord provide peace and comfort to this wonderful family, who tirelessly provide peace and comfort to other families in their times of loss.

Mindy Medford - August 14, 2013 at 12:45 PM



“ A Fond Farewell Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Noma Ann Byrum.



August 14, 2013 at 12:40 PM



“ Purity and Peace Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Noma Ann Byrum.



August 14, 2013 at 12:38 PM