



## Norma Jean Richards

March 1, 1942 - March 5, 2025

Norma Jean Richards, 83, of Louisiana, MO, went to be with our heavenly Father on March 5, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Marvin Scherff will officiate. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 9th at the funeral home.

She was born on March 1, 1942 in Lewiston, Idaho, the first of 5 children, to Glen Wharton and Mary Lucille Wiggington Wharton. In 1960 she was married to Robert Lewis Welch Jr. She later married the love of her life Marvin Luther Richards in 1984 and he preceded her in death in 1995.

She is survived by her daughter Sonja Welch Scherff (Bert) of Louisiana, MO, a step-son Tracy Richards (Jessica) of Louisiana, MO, grandchildren Frank Raddatz (Tera) of Bowling Green, MO, Robert Welch IV (Melissa) of Louisiana, MO, Jennifer Welch Fairchild (Justin) of Bowling Green, MO, Albert "AJ" Scherff Jr (Maria) of Springfield, MO, and Marvin Scherff of Springfield, MO, 13 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, a brother Thomas "Pete" Wharton (Cheryl) of Louisiana, MO, many nieces & nephews, friends, and coworkers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, a son Robert "Robby Hillbilly" Welch III, her siblings Charles William "Billy" Wharton & his wife Billy Ruth Wharton, Glenn Ed Wharton, Mary Alice Silvey & her husband Larry Silvey, and nephews Chuck Wharton and Zach Silvey.

She lived the first couple of her years in Idaho and then the rest of her life in Louisiana, MO. She was a member and graduate of Louisiana High School with the Class of 1961. She worked at several restaurants waiting tables when she was younger, including the Country Club, Abs Café, and several others around town. She was employed at Louisiana Plastics for almost 20 years then went to work at Hercules for over 30 years until her retirement. She was one of the first ladies that worked down in the chemical plant. Her coworkers affectionately called her mother and she would never miss baking them a birthday cake or cooking a meal for them on special occasions.

She was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs. Her favorite thing to do was spend time with family and play cards or some sort of game. She also loved to bowl with her league team as well as watch bowling. Honorary pallbearers will be Pete Wharton, Jim Calvin, John Crigger, and the people she worked with at Hercules. Active pallbearers will be AJ Scherff, Justin Fairchild, Larry Silvey, Glenn Wharton, Eric Wharton, and Frank Raddatz.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Online condolences can be sent at [collierfuneral.com](http://collierfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
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collierfuneral@att.net

## Funeral Service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Leon Mannahan lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Richards*



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**Leon Mannahan** - June 12, 2025 at 08:14 PM

ML

“ *Norma always was fun to work with she kept us guys going she will be sorely missed she was like family to everybody she was a great cook and she would help everyone when she could our prayers are with the family*

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**Mr and. Mrs Gary Love** - March 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM

GL

“ *Gary Love lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Richards*



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**Gary Love** - March 10, 2025 at 05:51 PM

CE

“ *Carmen Elledge lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Richards*



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**Carmen Elledge** - March 07, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JS

“ You have my deepest sympathies!



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**Jeri Smith** - March 07, 2025 at 10:22 AM

CW

“ Chrystal Walker lit a candle in memory of  
Norma Jean Richards



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**Chrystal Walker** - March 07, 2025 at 02:11 AM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss

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**Sammy meyers** - March 07, 2025 at 05:00 PM

CO

“ Cindy Osborne lit a candle in memory of  
Norma Jean Richards



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**Cindy Osborne** - March 06, 2025 at 09:24 PM

LF

“ Love, Bennie and Kay Hall and family purchased the Forever Beloved for the family of Norma Jean Richards.



Love, Bennie and Kay Hall and family - March 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ Love, Bennie and Kay Hall and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Richards.

Love, Bennie and Kay Hall and family - March 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MB

“ She was like a 2nd mom to me. I have been friends with Sonja for 55 years. I remember going a lot of places with them.



Missy Anderson Bowen - March 06, 2025 at 08:02 PM

CM

“ Connie Walden Mowen lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Richards



Connie walden mowen - March 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM

TI

“ *Tim sent a virtual gift in memory of Norma Jean Richards*



**Tim** - March 06, 2025 at 06:37 PM

JE

“ *Janet Elliott lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Richards*



**Janet Elliott** - March 06, 2025 at 06:32 PM

CS

*Norma Jean Richards you have your wings to walk with your husband nick Robby Hillbilly along with Jesus as he show you your new home in heaven. No pain and suffering only joy as you sing with angels in your new body as you enjoy all blessings that Jesus has to offer you!!*

**Carla Jean Sigler** - March 06, 2025 at 08:17 PM