



# Norma Joyce McDonald

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**N**orma Joyce McDonald, 95, of Tulsa, passed away on December 23, 2024, surrounded by her three sons. A woman of remarkable spirit and unwavering dedication to her family and friends, she touched countless lives with her vibrant personality and genuine warmth.

Norma was born to Henry and Abbie Gayle Swoveland in Burr Oak, Kansas on July 19, 1929 and grew up in Topeka, Kansas. After graduating from Topeka High School in 1947, she attended Washburn University for two years. In 1951, she moved to Bartlesville, where she worked as a legal secretary in Phillips Petroleum Company's legal department. Norma left Phillips Petroleum in 1955 to focus on her family, spending over a decade raising her three sons: Mark, Mike, and David. As a mother, she was deeply involved in her sons' lives, taking a genuine interest in their activities and creating special celebrations for milestone moments.

When her youngest son entered grade school, Norma re-entered the workforce, managing the office of the Bartlesville Board of Realtors. In 1980, she returned to Phillips Petroleum as a legal secretary. Her career flourished, and in 1986, she was selected as Executive Assistant to the General Counsel for Phillips, a role she held until her retirement in 1999.

Norma was known for her friendly and social nature, forming lasting friendships wherever she went. Her interests included movies, political causes, enjoying wine with friends, and taking tap-dancing lessons. She also enjoyed traveling both domestically and abroad, visiting friends and family. In her later years, she found joy in creating special travel experiences with her grandchildren, including memorable trips to San Francisco. A lifelong book lover, Norma maintained an extensive collection and enjoyed lively discussions with friends in her book club. She was also known for her love and dedicated care of her cats and was a philanthropic supporter of many local animal charities.

She is survived by her three sons: Mark McDonald, Mike McDonald and wife Beth, and David McDonald and wife Teresa; four grandchildren: Amy Hightower and husband Brett, Caitlin



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McDonald, Maura McCoy and husband Kale, and Sam McDonald; and a great-grandson, Nolan Hightower. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Abbie.

Norma's vivacious spirit, dedication to her family, and remarkable ability to connect with others will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held January 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Rivercrest Chapel of Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service, 13329 S. Memorial Dr., Bixby OK 74008.

The family would like to thank the staff at Good Shepherd Hospice, Iris Memory Care and Aspen Health & Rehab for their attention and wonderful care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tulsa SPCA or other animal welfare charity of your choice.



# Events


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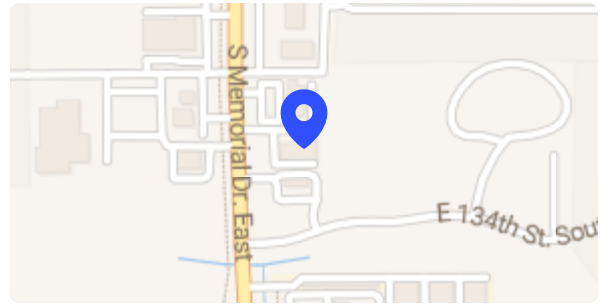
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, January 18, 2025

 4:00 PM CT

 **RiverCrest Chapel and Event Center**  
13329 S. Memorial Dr., Bixby OK 74008





# Tribute Wall

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**Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Service** shared a video to the **Norma McDonald Video Tribute** album.



January 20 at 10:13 AM



**Iris Memory Care Tulsa** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McDonald family.



January 15 at 12:26 PM



**Iris Memory Care Tulsa** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Norma.



January 15 at 12:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McDonald family.



January 13 at 6:56 AM



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**Mbj** posted:

One of my favorite memories of Norma was a trip to Colorado for the wedding of a friend's son. We were close by the Big Thompson River, which was a favorite destination of my late husband, Stan. After dispensing a few of his ashes in the river, Norma poured in a small bottle of his favorite Scotch. A touching tribute.

December 30 at 5:31 PM

SM

**Sue Monkress** February 4 at 11:13 AM

Norma was a class act and a wonderful friend. My thoughts and prayers are with her family that she loved so much! Fly high, dear friend.

AS

**Andrea Spears** January 3 at 9:18 AM

I had the privilege of being Norma's cat sitter for at least 20 years. How she loved her kitties, her sons, grandkids, and then great-grandson! I often went to lunch with this amazing lady and enjoyed hearing stories from years past. We could talk about anything and everything, even with a 48-year age gap! She was my absolute favorite, no doubt. My family sends love to the McDonald family. Grief will come in waves. Sending all the love.



# Media

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Norma McDonald Video Tribute



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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