



## Norma Jean Govan

February 21, 1932 - October 31, 2015

Norma Jean Govan (nee Shea), died October 31, 2015. She was born at home in Dumont, NJ to Edythe Marie and Joseph Leo Shea. Edythe died early in Norma's childhood and she was lovingly raised by her stepmother Florence Scott. Summers were spent at the Scott family farm in the Catskills in NY. Norma attended Catholic schools through the 8th grade and graduated from Bergenfield HS in 1949.

She worked for the NJ Bell Telephone System for 5 years where she met her husband, David M. Govan. When Dave's military orders were issued they had 17 days to plan their wedding and were married at Sacred Heart Church in Haworth, NJ in 1953. Their honeymoon was spent travelling by train to San Diego, CA. In 1956 they returned to NJ living in Lakehurst, Trenton and Somerville before moving the family to Ft. Collins, CO in August 1973.

She enjoyed family and human development and attended Rutgers University, Trenton State College, Aims Community College and Colorado State University. Later in life she obtained her real estate license and established her own business, Esprit Ltd Realtors. She also had a videography business.

Her passions were her husband and family, hiking, biking, vacationing at the shore, being in the mountains and volunteering with Larimer County Search and Rescue. She was also passionate about attending all her children and

grandchildren's activities including sports, music, drama and academics. She enjoyed building friendships, singing, gardening, dancing, animals, chocolate and ice cream. Additionally, she was an accomplished seamstress and expressed her artistic abilities in stained glass.

She is survived by her beloved husband, David M., their four children, Donna Govan, David S. Govan ( Debra), Eileen Cordsen (Jim), Terry Muller (Ed) and their five grandchildren, Ryan, Katie (Jayden), Zac, Mckenna and Amanda. In addition, she is survived by extended family with whom she shared many adventures and memories. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Joseph T. Shea.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Larimer County Search and Rescue (LCSAR) in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Saint John XXIII Catholic Church, 1220 University Ave.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Saint John XXIII Catholic Church  
1220 University Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Your mom was a wonderful person. Her smile and enthusiasm about life touched many many people. Some 36 years ago she sold me my first house. What a comfort it was to do this with a confident and caring person. As we continued to cross paths it was always great to hear about her cycling and her work with Search and Rescue. Of course, her greatest smiles came about when we talked about her family and grand kids. She was truly a special lady.*

*Patty Stiesmeyer*

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**Patty Stiesmeyer** - November 25, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ *In the short time that I had with Norma, I could tell she was a loving and cheerful person. Norma always had a smile on her face, Dave's hand in her's, and an open arm for hugs. She will be missed.*

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**Ashley Platt** - November 20, 2015 at 11:30 PM

EC

“ *To: Mr.Govan, Dave and family,*  
*I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was a great lady who always had time for Dave and his friends. I sincerely appreciate her guidance and support in helping us find and buy our first home. Dave I am so sorry that I will not be there. I am in San Antonio visiting my mom and Edmee. Also, Carol will be attending another funeral on Saturday. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

*My best to all,*  
*Eddie and Carol Campos*

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**Eddie Campos** - November 20, 2015 at 08:58 PM

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“ *What a special lady!.. We first met in Real Estate. Paul often talked of this professional and pleasant Realtor. That was a long time ago. Later I joined an investment club and was delighted to see Norma across the table at the first meeting. Our little club enjoyed a Christmas party and cookie exchange in her lovely home. Again our paths crossed - we often sat in the same area at Saint John XXIII. We watched her struggle with health issues; however, she always had a smile. It is so difficult to lose the Normas of our world. Betty and Paul Roehr*

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**Betty and Paul Roehr** - November 20, 2015 at 07:46 PM

KH

“ *My heart goes out to the family. I have so many warm memories for our favorite SAR Mom and friend. She was an awesome lady with a warm heart for all!*

*Kelly Huff & Family*

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**Kelly Huff** - November 18, 2015 at 08:49 AM

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“ *To Mr. David Govan and family,  
Bob and Liz MaLauchlin are with you in thoughts and prayers during this most difficult of times.  
Dave, do give a call sometime in the future. Bob would like to share happy memories of the past with you.*

*Our love, Bob and Liz MacLauchlin*

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**Bob and Liz MacLauchlin** - November 17, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Govan.*



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November 15, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ *I met Norma because was a good friend of my husband, Taft Snowdon. When we were looking for a house she was our wonderful realtor in 1988. She video taped our wedding and was always a kind caring woman. We saw Norma at the Neuro Center a year or so ago, and we talked about Parkinson's and Taft's battle with early on-set dementia - she was brave and lovely as always. My heart goes out to all her family for your loss. With sympathy, Taft & Missey*

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**Missey Toomey** - November 13, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ *Just a few months ago Norma amazed me with her agility and pep at Parkinson's exercise class! This is the way I choose to remember her. In addition, her legacy to me is the great example she was in terms of thorough preparation and organization for hosting an event, an example I'd do well to follow. My sincerest sympathies to the family in their time of sorrow.*  
*Barbara A. Smith*

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**Barbara A. Smith** - November 13, 2015 at 11:18 AM