



Norma Holley

November 25, 1931 - October 19, 2022

Norma Joan Whiteley was born on November 25, 1931, the fiercely independent and strong willed daughter of John and Edna (McNabb) Whiteley in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Norma grew up in the country near Catoosa; her family later moved to Broken Arrow where she attended middle school and high school. While at Broken Arrow High School, she was voted the distinguished honor of football queen. She married Lloyd Robert Hudson and raised two children, Lloyd Bruce and Jeffrey Mark. Norma went on to advance her education at The University of Tulsa, finishing at the top of her undergraduate class. She earned multiple awards and grants, culminating in a PhD for Modern Letters in 1978; her dissertation is referenced extensively by other researchers. She taught English literature at various area colleges, eventually retiring from Tulsa Junior College in 1987. Norma was grounded by her strong faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow and later Asbury Methodist Church in Tulsa,

where she enjoyed writing newsletters for her Sunday School class..
Later in life, Norma married Lemman M. Holley. Together, they travelled to Elderhostels across the United States. In addition to traveling, Norma enjoyed listening to music, reading, writing poetry, and spending time with her pets. She maintained her commitment to lifelong learning.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, John and Edna Whitely, her older son Lloyd Bruce

Hudson, and her husband Lehman M. Holley.

She is survived by her sister Joyce (Wayne) McBride of Fountain Valley, California, her son Jeffrey Hudson of Broken Arrow, daughter-in-law Mary Hudson of Greenville, TX, grandchildren Nicole Hudson of Tulsa, Amanda (Keith) Schoenefeld of Frisco, Texas, Christie (Philip) Ash of Greenville, TX, Matt Kirkpatrick of Tolleson, Arizona, Lloyd (Heather) Hudson Jr. of Greenville, Texas, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

“So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

– Thanatopsis, William Cullen Bryant

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Holley*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Michael & Brenda McBride Platacis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Norma Holley.*



Michael & Brenda McBride Platacis - October 21, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Holley family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Norma.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 06:13 AM