



## Norma Louise Bales

March 7, 1936 - December 21, 2022

Norma L. Bales, age 86 of Grand Junction, passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Borgess Place, Kalamazoo. Norma was born March 7, 1936 in Wellfleet, MA. Norma truly loved people and was very involved in her church and community. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens and was a long time member at Bloomingdale Christian Church. At church Norma was heavily involved in the AWANA program, was a devout Sunday School Teacher for many years and was also the office manager for Gods Helping Hands. She also directed the Easter and Christmas programs at church and was known for making the men in church grow their beards out. Norma also was a leader for her children's Cub Scout and Brownie troops when they lived in Florida. She and her late husband Bob also owned and operated the Fun Valley Campground from 1969 - 1984. More than anything though, Norma loved her family and cherished time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are her children, Gayle (Alric) Evans, Dale Bales, Curtis (Patty) Bales, Mike (Deb) Bales; grandchildren, Amber (Joni) Fuachie, April (Josh) Nordahl, Dale Bales II, Greg (Caitlin) Bales, Kristina (Eric) Kniebbe, Jenna (Ryan) Walsh, Jasmine Newton, Robert (Amanda) Bales, William (Graci) Bales, Jamie (Nikki) French and Shannon (Misti) French; great grandchildren, Donovan, Jaden, Layla, Violet, Tessa, Cooper, Freddie, Makayla, Madison, Kyxston, Mattox, Savannah, Cassidy, Addalynn, Austin, Hazel, Skyler and Corban; siblings, Barbara Williamson, BettyAnn McQueen, Evelyn Drieling,

Bill Omerod, Calvin Omerod, Jerry Hageman; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her parents, siblings, Jeanette Sumrall and Mary Wolfe,

The family will meet friends on Monday from 5 - 7 PM at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com). Funeral services will take place Tuesday, 11 AM at the Bloomingdale Christian Church, Pastor Gary Napp officiating. Interment will follow in Breedsville Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Bloomingdale Christian Fellowship.

# Cemetery Details

## Breedsville Cemetery

CR 380  
Breedsville, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomingtondale, MI

## Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Christian Church  
208 E. Pine  
Bloomingtondale, MI

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Sorry to hear about Norma Bale's she was a wonderful lady always smiling it's was so fun going to there house swimming with my daughter thinking about the family sending hugs

Susan smith - December 26, 2022 at 02:27 PM

SS

“ Susan Smith lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Susan smith - December 26, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ Margaret Brown lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Margaret Brown - December 25, 2022 at 01:24 PM

PC

Norma and Bob where good friends we miss them Phil and Leslie Cherry

Phil Cherry - January 18, 2023 at 12:17 AM



“ tenderly in his loving arms & soothe your aching hearts.

Margaret Brown - December 25, 2022 at 01:13 PM

Robin  
Empson

“ Robin Empson lit a candle in memory of  
Norma Louise Bales



Robin Empson - December 23, 2022 at 07:42 AM

SC

“ Susan Buchert Cravens lit a candle in  
memory of Norma Louise Bales



Susan Buchert Cravens - December 23, 2022 at 03:31 AM

CR

“ I remember Norma through my sister, "Sandy  
P," many years ago. I remember her smile  
would radiate her face and how sweet she  
was.

May God comfort 🙏 and give her family and  
friends peace, during this difficult time and the days ahead.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want 🙏🥹🙏



Cheryl Reel - December 22, 2022 at 07:52 PM

MA

“ will forever miss you grandma doodle, love  
you



Makayla - December 22, 2022 at 07:20 PM

TE

“ Teresa Empson lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Teresa Empson - December 22, 2022 at 06:23 PM

DE

“ Dan & Teresa Empson lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Dan & Teresa Empson - December 22, 2022 at 06:22 PM

VO

“ Vicki Olson lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Vicki Olson - December 22, 2022 at 04:23 PM

MP

“ Mel & Sandy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Mel & Sandy Peterson - December 22, 2022 at 11:41 AM

SP

“ Dear Bales family - How very blessed your lives have been, to have had this woman of God for your Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. Her love of Jesus was her Guiding Light that led her life. She lived the life of the Proverbs 31 woman, completely loving her husband and their children and family. She welcomed friends into her heart and home, reaching out time and again to all. She set the perfect example of a Godly woman. She not only believed God and His Word ...she lived it! She was one of the best friends I ever had, and I will miss her. Family, remember her prayers for you - God be with you during this time. It will be a difficult Christmas for you, but a glorious one for her.



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**Sandra Peterson** - December 22, 2022 at 11:35 AM

RM

“ Rob Matthes lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



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**Rob Matthes** - December 22, 2022 at 09:48 AM

JE

“ My mentor and friend... you showed me how to love Jesus, how to love people and how to be the most positive person in the face of anything. I have so many memories that involved working closely with you and I hope a little bit of your sweetness rubbed off on me. What a blessing it was to serve with you and to call you my friend. I will forever think of you when I see purple :)

Joan Erickson - December 22, 2022 at 08:39 AM

SR

“ Stephen G Rouse lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Stephen G Rouse - December 22, 2022 at 04:43 AM

RH

“ Rhonda Hill lit a candle in memory of Norma Louise Bales



Rhonda Hill - December 21, 2022 at 08:06 PM

BR

“ I loved traveling with you for our reunions and sharing stories and family history. Your amazing faith....love of family..and positivity was and will remain an inspiration ..thank you cousin Norma for everything..love you

Beth Rose - December 21, 2022 at 07:47 PM

MS

“ Well done, good and faithful servant, Norma. She loved Jesus, her family, and everyone else as well. I feel privileged to have known such a lovely person. 💖💖💖

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**Melony Scholte** - December 21, 2022 at 06:40 PM

JD

“ Such a sweet lady. The one thing I will always remember about her is her smile. It seems she was always smiling. She was loved by everyone and the good in the World is diminished greatly by her passing. God bless you.

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**John Dudley** - December 21, 2022 at 06:28 PM

RE

“ Sending my condolences and prayers of peace and comfort to the family. Thank you for sharing Norma with me, even if it was just for a short while. She cared deeply for all of you (her family) and her faith was evident. We talked about her life alot and she always said she lived a full life. Praying for you all in this difficult time. She always brought joy to me on the days I cared for her and I'm so thankful for that. ~ Rebecca

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**rebecca** - December 21, 2022 at 04:45 PM