



# Norma Cason Wilson Cheek

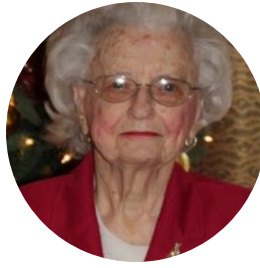
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“Some people come into our lives and quickly go .... some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same...”

Norma Cason Wilson Cheek, 93, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 10, 2014 surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Visitation is planned for Saturday, May 24th from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday May 25th at 3:00 p.m. at the Perry First Baptist Church. The family will also receive friends from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall and also in the Sanctuary from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Perry Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 2001, Perry, GA 31069, The Houston County Salvation Army, 96 Thomas Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31093, The Perry Players, 909 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069, Tippettsville Baptist Church, 421 Pinecrest Dr. Vienna, Ga 31092 or the Perry First Baptist Church, 1105 Main Street, Perry, Georgia 31069.

Norma was born August 16, 1920 in Tippettsville, Ga at the rural home of her grandparents, Thudus Edgar (T. E.) and Lula Normanda Holt Noble. Originally named "Normanda Louisa," she was the eldest daughter of the late Warren Whitis and Ellen Noble Cason, Her name was later changed to "Norma Louise." A graduate of Dooly County High School, Norma attended Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia.

Norma is preceded in death by her husband Julian Page Wilson. Norma and Julian eloped on December 25, 1938. The newlyweds lived in a home next to her parents on the family farm. In World War II, Julian joined the Navy. Due to health conditions, he was medically discharged, and once again began farming. In 1946, their son was born; in 1949 their daughter. In 1952, the family moved to Perry and for 20 years became active in community, educational and civic affairs until



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Julian's untimely death on December 3, 1972 at age 58. On Christmas Day, Norma and Julian would have celebrated their 34th anniversary.

Norma loved farming, animals, crossword puzzles, playing bridge and especially the Atlanta Braves and The Georgia Bulldogs. In the early 1970's a group of ladies started the Monday Night Bridge Club. After their retirements, they became the Monday Afternoon Bridge Club. Norma also joined a Thursday afternoon bridge group at the New Perry Hotel. Like many Southern ladies, she had her weekly hair and nail appointments. Later in life, she loved to play "Sol" on the computer.

Norma was employed at Robins Air Force Base for 20 years in the Material Management Directorate. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her friends on bus tours, gardening, painting and volunteering for various Perry events and church activities. For many years she weekly picked up her "little old ladies" to take them to Happy Hour at the First Baptist Church.

Since 1973, Norma served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society. She was a member of the Perry Pilot Club serving twice as President. Norma was a charter member of the Perry Book Browsers Club, a member of the Perry Historical Society where she served as Secretary and a member of the Delphian Club where she served as President. Norma was also a member of the University of Georgia Presidents Club. She was also a longtime active member of Perry First Baptist Church and the Dot Hardy Sunday School class.

Norma was instrumental in bringing the Salvation Army Store and the Salvation Army kettles to Perry. For many years during the Christmas Season, she stood in the cold weather ringing the bells in front of K-mart. Norma also was instrumental in helping to arrange for transients to get help at the Perry Fire Department.

In 1975, the Perry Pilot Club named Norma the Pilot of the Year. In 1980, she was sponsored and honored to be selected Woman of the Year by the Club members. Norma married the late Earl H. Cheek, Sr. in July 1989, and enjoyed 23 years together attending Georgia football games, FFA meetings, educational events, agricultural meetings, traveling in the United States, dining and dancing at the Officer's Club, weekly Kiwanis Club meetings, and one summer, traveling to Europe with Club members from other chapters.



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Family members who will hold dear their precious memories include her daughter, Dr. Judith Wilson; her son Norman P. "Sonny" Wilson (Kristine) of Bogart, GA; her granddaughters, Rebecca Wilson "Becky" Powell (Keith) of Perry GA and Normanda Claire "Manda" Wilson of Bogart, GA. and a grandson, Warren Julian Wilson, who preceded her in death; two great granddaughters Anna Claire Wilson and Claire Abigail Powell; three stepchildren, Earl H. Cheek, Jr. (Becky) of Baton Rouge, LA., Carol Ann Barckley (Ken) of Fountain Valley, CA and Mary Frances Larimer of Covington, GA; five step-grandsons, and eight step-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, one sister, Lois Cason Wooten of Savannah, niece Ann Wooten Langston (Dudley) of Memphis TN and her children Frank Langston of San Francisco, CA and Katy Langston of Memphis, TN; cousins Laurie Bush Clarke (JB) of Donalsonville, GA; Marjorie Noble Lloyd of St. Pawley's Island; Ret. Colonel John Allen Noble (Carole) of Athens, GA; Rev. Dr. William C. Noble (Liliane) of Tinton Falls, NJ, DiLane Oxford Noble of Folkston, GA; Billy Fallin (Barbara) of Moultrie, GA, Carolyn Brown of Pineview, GA., Don Wood, (Toni) of Rochelle GA., Sammy Wood (Beverly) of Watkinsville, Ga, Wilma "Bill" Tippett of Tippettville, Ga and one sister-in-law Peggy Zellner Wilson of Perry GA.

Condolences may be left for the family in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## Tribute Wall

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DE

**Diane Mcswain Elliott** posted:

Judy & Sonny, Please accept my condolences on the loss of your mother. She was a beautiful and graceful woman. I remember all the times she came to our classrooms, always smiling and always cheerful. She lived a long life and will be cherished by many.

June 2 at 8:00 PM

EA

**Ethel Duggan Andersen** posted:

Judy, I have the fondest memories of your sweet mother, and was so sorry to learn of her death. You and your family are in my prayers.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Martha Holland Cox** posted:

Judy, so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a lovely sweet lady. I loved her too. God bless.

May 27 at 8:00 PM

DC

**Don Chapman** posted:

May God shine his blessings down on Miss Norma's family!

May 26 at 8:00 PM

PW

**Paula Wallace** posted:

On behalf of the SCAD community, I offer my deepest condolences to Norma's family and friends, with hopes that warm memories may provide sustenance in this time of grief. Truly, Norma lived a full life, rich in service to and love for others. With prayers for comfort and peace, Paula Wallace SCAD President and Cofounder

May 25 at 8:00 PM



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JH

**Jan Hughes** posted:

To Sonny and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. May the sweet memories bring you comfort in your time of grief. I know what she would like for you to do is to 'Miss me a little, but let me go' for she is with our Father in Heaven without any pain or suffering. She will always be your guardian angel. Again, my deepest condolences go out to you. In Him, Jan Hughes

May 24 at 8:00 PM

NJ

**Nan Johnson** posted:

My sister, Kay, and I extend our deepest condolences to Judy and Sonny Wilson, who were our long-ago neighbors, and our Perry High classmates, Earl, Carol, and Mary Cheek, on the passing of Miss Norma. She was a kind and gentle lady.

May 24 at 8:00 PM

WN

**William Noble** posted:

Sonny, Judy, Lois and family, I regret that my responsibilities to my parish and to my patients make it impossible to be with you in person. Liliane and the children join me extending our love to you all. This afternoon I planted a camellia (Glen 40) in my garden in memory of Norma. Whenever I see a camellia, I am reminded of Georgia and my childhood with my cousins at Granpa's house in Vienna. Tomorrow I will offer the Holy Eucharist with special intention for Norma and for all of you. With much love, William

May 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Judy, You will not recognize me by name and possibly not by connections, but I was brought up in Hawkinsville by Henry and Addie Grantham. They were my Great Uncle and Aunt. Henry, (I called him Kennie) was the youngest son of Jim and Eva (Cason) Grantham, also of Hawkinsville. They ran the store at Big Creek for many years, before they both got older and retired. I was born in 1946, but in the 50's and 60's, I heard Uncle White's name mentioned, but honestly do not remember if I ever met him and Aunt Ellen. I have vague memories of other Cason family members, ie Roy Cason, Elsie Cason Taylor and there were others, but my memory fails me. I know there was one who lived in Tifton, but that is about all I remember. Please accept my deepest condolences on the death of your Dear Mother. And thank you for posting all the photos! It was good to take a little trip down memory lane, even if my memory does fail me from time to time and in spite of the fact that your Mother and your Family lived so close, yet I never knew them. It was especially good to see the photos of your Grandparents, whom I do seem to remember, though not sure if that was due to the family connections or from the memory of seeing them long ago. May God Bless and Keep you, Patricia Wynne

May 23 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I would like to send my appreciation and gratitude to friends and family for writing lovely sentiments on Mother's guest book, for flowers sent to her visitation and for calling. Kathie and Rowena, Mother loved you both very much and were two of her favorites. Shirley, you spent many nights with Eddie (Ellen) after Daddy Warren died, I can see Miss Dean sitting at our kitchen table sharing her large homemade biscuits in place of hamburger buns. Rosemary and Teresa, how much we enjoyed Tippettville. All of us Tippettville children, white and black, played together for many years. Of course, I was always the shortest, but attempted to play those basketball games. Mother certainly had a long fulfilling life with many friends and acquaintances. This past week I've had oral surgery and was unable to travel to Perry. During a call this afternoon with her first cousin Rev. Dr. William Noble, an Episcopal priest, I told him that not going to my Mother's funeral is almost unimaginable. He replied, "Judy, Life is certainly a mystery." This morning he planted a camellia (Glen 40) in his flower garden in honor of Mother, and will offer the Holy Eucharist for us and include us in his parish prayers tomorrow. For family and friends who also are able to attend her funeral, a harpist will be playing from 2-3:00 PM in the First Baptist Church sanctuary. In celebration of her life and love of music, Kelly Gabrielle Franklin will play three songs--"Nocturne in E" by Chopin, "It is Well with My Soul" by Horatio Spafford (1873)" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (1882);" two harp solos, "Ave Maria" and "Meditation from Thais; "Minister of music solo "Whispering Hope," two congregational songs she requested "Victory in Jesus" and "Sometime, all Sorrow will be Over" an old spiritual song by Robert Frankness (1922); two scriptures she requested "Ecclesiastes 3 Verses 1-8" and "Proverbs 31." Eddie Wilson, Mother's nephew, will give witness of his memories. I chose for her casket blanket Yellow Roses with four large White Casablanca Lilies in the center. Yellow roses symbolize friendship, gladness, affection, joy and caring, and a perfect way to say "Thank You" Mother for all you did for me, as well as your entire family, friends and community. White Casablanca Lilies symbolize the celebration of family and friends. The number Four resonates with practicality, responsibility, initiation, illumination, building solid foundations, ability, stability, determination and endurance, hard work and progress. Four symbolizes passion and drive encouraging us to work harmoniously yet diligently to achieve our goals and aspirations. Number Four is also representative of the four elements of Air, Fire, Water and Earth and the four sacred directions--North, South, East and West. Mother's first cousin Ret. Colonel John Allen Noble will speak at the grave site and Mike Franklin will read "When Earth's Last Picture is Painted," by Rudyard Kipling. While I will be unable to physically attend my Mother's final service in celebration of her life, my spirit, my Mother's spirit and many other loved one's spirits, most assuredly will be in the Perry First Baptist Church sanctuary for her final service. Thank you again. Judy Contact Me

May 12 at 8:00 PM



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KG

**Kathie White Grubb** posted:

Judy, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I too have wonderful memories of your home on Duncan Ave, just steps away from Granny's house. You are all a big part of my memories as a youngster. I wish you well. Thoughts and prayers to you and Sonny.

May 22 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Shirley Priest** posted:

Sonny, Judy, Lois and family, As I read Norma's obituary, I was reminded of the Proverbs 23 godly woman who was always capable, diligent in all efforts, loving to family as well as others, trustworthy, and compassionate to those in need. Similar also to the ideal, Norma trusted in God's goodness, and lived a life accordingly, impacting her family as well as her community. We can count on His promises, as she did, and know that she is in His arms today-- safe secure, happy, and alert. Judy, thank you for writing the beautiful pieces about your sweet mother on this site...you and Sonny were beloved by her. Also, I was so pleased to see the older photos of Mr. Warren, Mrs. Ellen, Lois, Veve and Mrs. Ruth. How very grateful I am for the kindness and encouragement shown to me by your mother, as well as the love shared by your family over so many years now. You are all in my thoughts and prayers this day. With deepest sympathy and love, Shirley Priest

May 22 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Rosa (Nutt) Fite** posted:

I grew up in Tippettville Baptist Church and Norma and her family was the heart of the church and steadfast members. To everyone who hurt because of Norma's passing, think about all of the people her life touched (like me) and left a "lifetime print".

May 21 at 8:00 PM

ST

**Sam Tolbert** posted:

Sonny, Martha and I are sorry to hear of your Mom's passing your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Sam & Martha Tolbert Hillside Memorial Chapel

May 20 at 8:00 PM



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FG

**Frances Greene** posted:

Dear Judith, Sonny, Lois and Family, My heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow, too deep for words. It is often said, that the beauty of a life well-lived never dies ...it continues to embrace and inspire us. May you each find comfort in your loving memories

May 18 at 8:00 PM

RH

**Row Henson** posted:

Judy and Sonny, I was so sorry to hear about your mother. She was such a special lady that I admired and loved. I have such great memories of growing up and coming over to your house on Duncan Ave. Your mother welcomed me then and every time I would see her in Perry as if not a day had passed. I will be praying for your family.

May 18 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sonny, Judy, and Lois, Just read the obituary in the Macon Telegraph. It so beautifully expressed the life of Norma. Mama and I have such fond memories of Norma and your family in Tippettville. It was wonderful to see her looking so well at her 90th birthday celebration in Perry. I will see you at the services on Sunday. We love you all. Rosemary Culpepper and Wilma Tippett

May 18 at 8:00 PM

TH

**The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home** posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

May 17 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy and Sonny, you both know that words cannot express what our families have meant to one another; but, Miss Norma has been a special part of my life. May God bless your families!!

May 17 at 8:00 PM



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LB

**Luci & David Bates** posted:

So sad to hear of the passing of this dear lady. Condolences and comforting prayers for the family

May 16 at 8:00 PM

TM

**Thomas & Angie Mitchell** posted:

Ms. Norma's family please take comfort in your fond memories of Ms. Norma to help get you through this difficult time. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

May 15 at 8:00 PM

TH

**Tony Pierce Herrin** posted:

Judy and Sonny, please know that you are both in my thoughts and prayers. Aunt Norma was always a special person and she will truly be missed. I have lots of fond memories of talking with her and being over at her house. We were like family as Mike and Bonnie have said, too. Cling to the Lord Jesus Christ and He will carry you through this time. Love you both.

May 15 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Ronnie Spicera** posted:

Sonny & Judy, Aunt Norma was a great lady who always made you feel special. I will miss her as I know both of you will. She will always be with you in spirit!With love,Little Ronnie

May 14 at 8:00 PM

DN

**Dilane Noble** posted:

To: Lois, Judy, Sonny, and familyLife has rushed by for our loved ones as we all know, but this I do know for sure - GOD will be with us through this journey into Heaven. There we will once again see our loved ones and all live in PEACE with our GOD.

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**Frank** posted:

Nawn (Norma) was an incredibly kind woman and a strong member of our family. I will always cherish our time together and how much she enriched our lives. Judy, Sonny, and Yo - my prayers are with you every moment. Love, Frank

May 13 at 8:00 PM



**Pamela Jones** posted:

Mrs. Wooten: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything we are just a call away. Savannah/Hilton Head Int'l Airport Police Department

May 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mother, please also give Maggie Mae (13), my redbone coonhound (named after Mae "MaMa Wilson), a big hug and kiss when she greets you. She passed away January 2013 from a fibrosarcoma. I miss all my dogs and cats, but am happy you got to meet and play with my new feral kitten, Sweet Babe. She is now a year old. Will post y'all's picture.

May 13 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy, Sonny and the entire family--My prayers are certainly with you all at this time. My visits with your Mother are fond memories, and I will treasure them always. Barbi Purdom Flournoy

May 13 at 8:00 PM



**Mike Kelly** posted:

Judy and Sonny my prayers are with you during this time. Aunt Norma was one of many that helped "raise" me on Duncan Ave. Many memories flood back of growing up next door to y'all. What a great life. Perry has lost one of the major cornerstones with your mother's passing. Love Mike

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**Bonnie Kelly Franklin** posted:

I have such wonderful memories growing up on Duncan Avenue and your family was a vital part of those memories. You know you are from the South when you call your neighbors and close friend's parents Aunt and Uncle. Well, that is what I called the Wilson's - Aunt Norma and Uncle Julian. I loved the times I spent visiting and talking to Aunt Norma both in Perry and Athens. I will cherish our conversations and visits. Judy and Sonny, I know you two both have memories too you can lean on. I am thinking of you both during this time.

May 13 at 8:00 PM

JP

**Jd Priest** posted:

JUDY & SONNY & FAMILY.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND TRUST THE LORD WILL COMFORT ALL OF YOU DURING THIS TIME!! IN CHRIST, J.D.(DANNY) PRIEST

May 12 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Annette Bailey** posted:

Judith and Sonny, sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother. Only having known her for the past 2 yrs. I will always cherish and remember my visits with Judith to visit with her mother. The big smile and great hugs she gave when seeing Judith walk in, and also the trip to Perry to visit her long time friends. What a smile she had when she knew we were back in Perry. Always remember the good times you shared with your mother. She " will and is " forever with you.

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mother, I usually write you a postcard, but this last letter will be a little different. Thank you for being my Mother and best friend. We have had many good times together and wonderful memories to help soothe and comfort me during the rough moments. The two years Annette drove me down to visit you at Arbor Terrace was some of our best times together -- hugging, smiling, kissing, winking, eating lots of my homemade fudge, pimento cheese, cheese cookies, etc., playing with my little kitten Sweet Babe, playing musical bingo, and the Tuesday movie night when the ladies got upset when I took the TV remote to attempt to get the movie "The King and I" to play. Everyone was so intent on watching the movie trailer over and over. We decided to go back to your room and watch TV. Coming home to Perry in March 2013 to see Miss Margie Daniel and some of your longtime bridge friends, to eat pork chops at the New Perry Hotel, to visit your former neighbors at Summerhill, to get you a new door wreath, to ride around and see how Perry has changed. I said to you, "Mother, it's good to be home, isn't it?" and you said, "It sure is." You began smiling when you saw the Perry exit on 1-75 and smiled the rest of the day. Never once did you say you were tired. You seemed in better shape than I. How much we enjoyed Bonnie Kelly Franklin, our longtime neighbor. After Daddy died Dec. 1972 and I had to go back to Atlanta in January, she sat with you many nights doing her homework. She came to Athens during our visits and brought Fincher's BBQ. We put out a big spread of food in the lounge area. You never complained of being tired. Was glad you got to meet her beautiful daughter Kelly. Kelly, has just returned home after teaching eight months in France, and is going to play the piano for you on May 25th since you were unable to attend her recital at the Presbyterian Church. For me, one of my best moments, was when I arrived at Arbor Terrace for my first visit in October 2012. Chemo drugs had kept me from coming sooner. I had no idea if you would know me. Annette has been so kind to drive me wherever I need to go and most especially to Athens for our visits. We arrived after dark. Mary, your CNA, woke you up. As I opened the bathroom door, you looked at me with no glasses and said excitedly, "I didn't know you were coming." I replied, "I surprised you, didn't I," You said, "Yes, you did." Even a mother with memory loss will always recognize the essence of her only daughter. That moment was the beginning of our new relationship, with new memories -- once again, just Mother and me. You and Sonny also got to spend many good times together. A first born son always has a special relationship with his Mother. I think the Mortician /Coroner found out theory and practice are two different things, especially when your Mother (and Son) is concerned. He will miss his visits with you, but we both know how much he always loved and cared for you ... and you for him. Mother, as you did in physical form, please watch over me and help keep me safe, secure and protected from all things seen and unseen, and frequently send little "hello" messages. I've already recognized your first message to me ... waiting for our friend Frances Greene to get to Athens before taking your last breathe. Thank you. Also, give lots of hugs and kisses to Daddy, Eddie, Daddy Warren, MaMa, Pa, Warren, Punkin, Carrie Mae, and my dear precious friends, Missy, Miss Kitty, Sophie, Suzy, Winston, Luckie, Ladybug and My Treya --and your cat Blackie who had a good home at the Grays--as they all welcome you on the Rainbow Bridge. Thinking of y'all together once again refreshes my spirit and nurtures my soul, and will help fill the void in my heart. The Little Prince says one can only see rightly with the heart; what is most essential is always invisible to the human eye. I close this little virtual reality message for you with the loving sentiments you always wrote on letters to me, Remember, I love you. Judy P.S, Mother, Danny Priest has written in your onlin



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