



Norma Mortensen

December 1, 1940 - January 20, 2026

Norma Nancy Blancato Hollingsworth Mortensen, age 85, passed away on January 20, 2026, in Social Circle, Georgia. She was born on December 1, 1940, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Frank Blancato and Elisa Picciotti Blancato.

Norma was a graduate of Plant High School (1958) in Tampa, Florida, and a graduate of the University of Tampa (1963). She was a member of the 1961–1962 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities, where she was cited for notable contributions and leadership in civic and church organizations. This spirit of service continued into her professional life, where she dedicated herself to education, serving as a PE, English, and ESOL teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia, at Towers, Southwest DeKalb, and Lakeside High Schools.

A lifelong Christian, Norma faithfully served in every community in which she lived. In her earlier years, she led youth groups at Methodist and Presbyterian churches, both to ensure her own children had a youth group to attend and because of her deep love for serving and helping young people grow in their faith. After retiring to Port Orange, Florida, she became an active and devoted member of South Daytona Christian Church. Throughout her life, she served on church leadership teams, sang in choirs, volunteered for election polling, and participated in a long-standing bridge group. Her life was characterized by steady service, quiet leadership, and deep faith.

Throughout her life, Norma lived in Tampa, Florida; Stevensville, Michigan; Columbus, Georgia; Gainesville, Florida; Omaha, Nebraska; Raleigh, North Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; Stone Mountain, Georgia; Conyers, Georgia; Loganville, Georgia; Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Port Orange, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Phil Mortensen, to whom she was married from 2009 until his death in 2017, and by her parents, Frank and Elisa Blancato. She was previously married to Byron F. Hollingsworth, Jr.

She is survived by her children and their families: David Hollingsworth (Tina), of Severn, Maryland; Jim Hollingsworth (Emily), of Rockford, Michigan; Amy Hayter (Randy Tromza), of Taylorsville, Georgia; and Lee Hollingsworth (Stacie), of Loganville, Georgia. She is also survived by her grandchildren Abbey Galviz Strickland (Steven), Megan Hollingsworth, Cassandra Hollingsworth, Stephen Hayter (Emily), Jacob Hollingsworth (Katie), Ben Hollingsworth, Macy Hollingsworth, Emily Gatrel (Nathan), Brianna Hollingsworth, and William Hollingsworth, and by her great-grandchildren Justin, Meredith, Avery, and Ruthie, with one great-grandchild, Fletcher, expected.

She is also survived by her stepchildren, Michael Mortensen (Christine) and Mary Ann Goodwell (Andre), both of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as well as by her brothers, Orlando Blancato of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Daniel Blancato of Waleska, Georgia, and many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Norma's legacy is one of quiet strength, deep love for her family, commitment to education, faithful service, and steadfast devotion to Christ. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Holy Cross Cathedral, 3836 Oak Grove Road, Loganville, GA. A small reception with light refreshments will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Cathedral
3836 Oak Grove Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Mrs. Hollingsworth (as I knew her) was one the sweetest Moms I remember. She had a infectious laugh, and boy could she COOK! I had the privilege spending time with her and her lovely family at her Stone Mountain address.*

My heart goes out to David, Jimmy, Amy, Lee, and Byron. She was a light in this world and made my life better after knowing her. May she Rest In Peace.

Daniel Oliver - January 28 at 12:35 PM

LH

Thanks for the kind words. Hope you are doing well.

Lee Hollingsworth - February 01 at 04:51 AM

TF

“ *The Roque Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norma Mortensen.*



The Roque Family - January 25 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Norma’s family, she loved you with all her heart. I never think of Norma without seeing her wonderful smile. Glen & I have known Norma for 40 years and in those years there was never a doubt that she was a faithful Christian, a caring friend and lots of fun. Our ladies bridge group is filled with a treasure trove of great memories of her & our friendships, including the day we were playing bridge & she called from Indiana to tell us about Phil. I know Norma had a smile on her face when she entered Heaven. Love & sympathy to her family. Glen & Mary Smotherman*

Mary & Glen Smotherman - January 25 at 02:03 PM

MB

“ *Norma was a beautiful soul. I taught her how to play bocce ball. I performed many odd jobs for her in her home. Kathy and I will never forget her infectious smile and beautiful personality. Rest with the Lord Norma.*

Michael Boslet - January 23 at 04:44 PM

PG

I'll never forget Norma among our many social events here at Colony in the Wood. Loved playing boccee ball with her and Carol. She had a quick wit and a beautiful smile. Occasionally she would stop by on her 3 wheel bike and watch us play pickleball. Everyone loved her. She will certainly missed by many!! Hopefully she has met up with Phil. RIP girl.

Patti George - January 24 at 12:15 PM

MB

“ Mike and Kathy Boslet purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norma Mortensen.



Mike and Kathy Boslet - January 23 at 04:33 PM

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“ Mike and Kathy Boslet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Mortensen.

Mike and Kathy Boslet - January 23 at 04:33 PM