



Verna LaVaughn Sowders

September 24, 1922 - October 12, 2016

Verna LaVaughn Sowders

94, of Indianapolis, IN passed away October 12, 2016. She was born September 24, 1922 in Casey County, KY, to the late Quincy Otis and Vina Mae Greer McAninch. LaVaughn married Millard Sowders, June 29, 1941, and he preceded her in death, December 11, 2001. She retired in 1983 from Bio-Dynamics (now Roche) after 17 years as a customer services representative. LaVaughn was a 70 year member of Calvary Tabernacle.

Visitation will be Monday, October 17, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Rd. and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Ave.

LaVaughn is survived by her loving and devoted children, Betty Jo Rosier; Gary Lee Sowders (Debbie); and Brenda Sue Coffey (James); grandchildren; Eric Rosier (Tina), Leslie Bellber (Julio), Jimmy Coffey (Rhonda), Donna Seewald (Daniel), Rod Sowders (Wendy), Bradley Sowders, Kevin Sowders (Susan), Todd Williams, Carrie Bryan (Steve), Jeremy Howard (Erica), Melynda Emler (Justin), Mason Bryan, Makinzy Bryan, and Morgan Fuller; great-grandchildren, Rachel and Drew Rosier, Jacob and Georgina Howard, Macey Ellis (Brendan), Katelyn Losh, Paul and Peyton Williams, Jim, Chad and Josh Coffey, Ada Corrine Bellber, Sierra, Grant, Konnor, and Alexa Sowder, Gavin and Madison Cummins, Jack and Matthew Franklin; great-great-grandchildren, Parker Ellis, Olivia and Emily Coffey; a brother, Carnell

McAninch; and sister, Geraldine Fay Sanders.

LaVaughn was preceded in death by her son, Barry Gene Sowders in 1969 in VietNam, and her sister Jacqueline Mae Snow, passed away two hours after LaVaughn.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Friends Cemetery

7040 S County Road 1050 E
Camby, IN 46113

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel
3333 E. Thompson Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-3315
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Tabernacle
902 Fletcher Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46203
(317) 262-4030

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - October 19, 2016 at 08:35 AM

JH

“ What a truly lovely Lady. Earthly loss now Heaven's gain....I had moved away years ago from Indy (1978) but in my rare visits to Calvary Tabernacle , I always looked forward to greet her, she was consistent , always remembering me...such A Sweet Spirit !!

James Hedrick

James Hedrick - October 19, 2016 at 08:19 AM

PC

“ Sis. Sowders was the epitome of what a Christian should be. A wonderful lady and a great saint of God, sweet spirit full of grace and love.. She will be missed but she now has made Heaven her home. What a joy she is having walking on the streets of gold and basking in the presence of our dear Lord & Savior Jesus. Our love to you and we will see you in that wonderful place. Gene & Pauletta Curry

Pauletta Curry - October 17, 2016 at 05:13 PM

MM

“ *What a beautiful saint of God in every way. I absolutely loved her. She always had a smile on her face and was so kind to everyone. She is going to be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Brenda, Betty & Gary, she would not want you to grieve too long because she is in heaven and happy. She would want you to be happy for her and her sister. I pray your grief will be short and your memories of your mom will once again bring you joy and laughter. Our love and prayers to all of your family. Myron & Maureen May*

Maureen May - October 17, 2016 at 02:04 PM

CF

“ *Carmen Fendelman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Verna LaVaughn Sowders.*



Carmen Fendelman - October 17, 2016 at 02:03 PM

TA

“ *Todd, Lilian, Paul, Peyton, Joel, Eddie and Allan. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Verna LaVaughn Sowders.*



Todd, Lilian, Paul, Peyton, Joel, Eddie and Allan. - October 17, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna LaVaughn Sowders.



October 15, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ Heaven has gained a beautiful lady. She will be missed. Don and Midge Pieper

Midge Pieper - October 15, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ Sis. Sowders. Where do I begin. Yes, she was old enough to be my Grandmother. But talking to her was like talking to my best friend. She always had that sweet smile and was always the same no matter where I seen her. She would call and say "I'm having company. Will you come and clean my house?" While I was cleaning we would talk about our families and she would show me pictures and talk about her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with a big smile on her face. She would tell me stories about different things the little ones had done. I had been thinking about her a couple of weeks ago and called her on Sept. 26th. We laughed and talked about different things. She made sure to tell me that she now has a great-great-grandbaby! She was so proud of all of her family! I am so glad she was there to walk down the aisle in my wedding 2 years ago. I loved her and will miss her greatly! ♡
Our prayers are with her family and all the ones that loved her!

Rachel Bayless - October 14, 2016 at 11:54 PM

SC

“ *Sister Sowders was such a sweet lady with a beautiful spirit. So thankful we were able to get to know her better these past few years. She will be greatly missed! Love and prayers to all of her friends and family.*

~Sondra and Allison Clark

Sondra Clark - October 14, 2016 at 03:08 PM

TS

“ *We will miss LaVaughn, our kind & caring friend, truly a Christian in every way, but our loss is Heaven's gain!. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family.*

Tom & Bettie Spall

Tom & Bettie Spall - October 14, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JC

“ *What an extraordinary saint of God! So privileged to have witnessed the precious smile and sweet spirit she continually displayed. Honored to have always known her as a pillar of Calvary Tabernacle. How much sweeter heaven has become. May her family experience perfect peace as she enters into the presence of God.*

Tony & Jennifer Cobb

Jennifer Cobb - October 14, 2016 at 01:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Verna LaVaughn Sowders.



October 13, 2016 at 01:20 PM