



Vivian Norwood

August 29, 1970 - May 19, 2019

Vivian “Ninnie” V. Norwood, age 48, passed away at Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, TN on Sunday, May 19, 2019 surrounded by her family and friends.

She entered this life on August 29th, 1970 in Elizabethton, TN and was the loving daughter of the late Joseph Garland and Rosa “Buttercup” (Hairston) Norwood. She was a graduate of Elizabethton High School, Walters State Community College and Lincoln Memorial University, where she received her Bachelors of Science in Accounting.

Norwood was known for her successful sports career. At Elizabethton High, she was the 1988 Class AAA girls state shot-put champion and was a four-time all-conference basketball player. She later played basketball at Walters State. Norwood was inducted in both Carter County Sports Hall of Fame and Elizabethton High School Sports Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in track and field and basketball.

She is survived by her son Nikolai Simpson, brothers Allen Norwood, Jamie Norwood, sisters Vickie Henderson, Bonnie Henderson, Patricia “Boo” Norwood, Audrey “Sissy” Norwood, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. When she wasn’t sunbathing, she enjoyed spending time with them.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, May 25th 2019 at the Browns Chapel AME Zion Church in Elizabeththor, TN. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm until 3:00pm at the church prior to the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vivian Norwood*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *To a wonderful person and my 1st girlfriend.... God gained another angel. Rest in Heaven.*

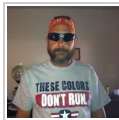
William "6Ninie" Holmes - December 17, 2022 at 02:26 AM



“ *Julie Ornduff Berry lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Julie Ornduff Berry - June 06, 2019 at 09:53 AM



Ninne was great!! Loved her dearly!!! So sorry to hear about her passing!! It was a blast to play softball against her!! We went to school together from kindergarten all the way to seniors in high school. It was a privilege to know her!! She will be missed and never forgotten!! Love all you guys!! If u need anything just hollar!! Love, Julie

Charlie Julie Berry - June 06, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Felicia Banner Southerland lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Felicia Banner Southerland - June 04, 2019 at 09:36 AM

FS

I hadn't seen Ninnie probably since we graduated high school, but I always thought the world of her and am saddened to hear of her passing. May God bless and comfort your family during this time.
Felicia Banner Southerland

Felicia Banner Southerland - June 04, 2019 at 09:46 AM

CS

“ *Christine Scurry lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Christine Scurry - May 27, 2019 at 12:11 AM

JA

“ *JACEY AUGUSTUS lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



JACEY AUGUSTUS - May 26, 2019 at 01:09 AM

JA

“ Hello Norwood family. May God give you his peace and comfort during this difficult time. I had a chance to visit Ninnie and had no idea after seeing her that two hours later, God would call her home. I'm so sad and heartbroken. I will miss all of the times of us seeing each other and playing catch up as to what the other was doing. I will miss her smile, her laugh, and how we always found something to laugh about before we both went our separate ways. So talented, smart, and such the Lioness of faith. Now God himself has welcomed her home.
Jacey Augustus

JACEY AUGUSTUS - May 26, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ Monica Williams lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Monica Williams - May 26, 2019 at 12:13 AM

KR

“ Kimberly Carrico Rollins lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Kimberly Carrico Rollins - May 25, 2019 at 01:28 PM

TW

“ *Teddy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Teddy Wilson - May 24, 2019 at 09:13 PM

MB

“ *Michelle "Mo" Bowers lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Michelle "Mo" Bowers - May 24, 2019 at 03:27 PM

MB

Ninnie and I first became best friends while at TA Dugger and playing on the basketball team. She spent a lot of time with me and my family over the years of middle school and high school between our basketball and softball. We kept in touch through our adulthood, as recent as about a year ago. She would spend holidays with my family and referred to my mom as "mom" and my siblings as her "brother" and "sister", and treated my daughter as her own "niece". I am so shocked and saddened by this. She was a kind, gentle, compassionate person who was strong in her faith and proud of her son, Nic. Her laugh was infectious and her smile was contagious. I will miss her deeply. Please let us know if we can do anything for you, Nic. For Jamie, Allen and the sisters, we are praying for you all as well. We will see you again one day, sister!

Michelle "Mo" Bowers - May 24, 2019 at 03:34 PM

GL

“ Greg And Nicole Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Greg and Nicole Lawrence - May 24, 2019 at 02:54 PM

TB

“ Toni Bradley lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Toni Bradley - May 24, 2019 at 01:36 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Casey lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Dorothy Casey - May 24, 2019 at 11:43 AM

JP

“ Jim Presnell lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Jim Presnell - May 24, 2019 at 10:09 AM

JP

I had the privilege of Coaching Ninnie in track and field. She was not only a state champion in the shot put but a great friend. Our friendship grew over the years. I will miss her but I will see her again.

Jim Presnell - May 24, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian Norwood.*



May 24, 2019 at 09:15 AM

TR

“ *Tiffany M Ryans lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Tiffany M Ryans - May 24, 2019 at 08:52 AM

PB

“ *I so enjoyed working with Vivian at EHS!!! She loved fiercely and devoted to Nikolai, her family and friends. Her smile and humor stay in my heart and soul. Blessings. Peggy Burns*



peggy burns - May 24, 2019 at 08:02 AM

RM

“ *Randy Moore lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Randy Moore - May 24, 2019 at 04:57 AM



“ *Angela Estell lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Angela Estell - May 23, 2019 at 10:58 PM



RIP lady you will be truly missed.

Angela Estell - May 23, 2019 at 10:59 PM

LS

“ *Ninnie was a major part of our graduating class of 1988. She was known for her humor, and her ability to relate to all individuals. She was a true example of acceptance, for everyone was welcomed in Ninnie's circle! You will be missed sweet girl...Thank you for the love and friendship you showed us all!*

LaDonna Stout-Boone - May 23, 2019 at 08:52 PM

PR

“ Pate Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Vivian Norwood



Pate Rhea - May 23, 2019 at 08:18 PM

SH

“ Shannon Harr lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



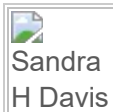
Shannon Harr - May 23, 2019 at 07:55 PM

BE

“ I'm incredibly saddened to hear this, but I pray you rest well in the Savior's arms Ninnie. Sitting here thinking about softball, band, hanging out in the ballfield.... good times, so many good times! Life is but a vapor and I know you will be missed.



Benita - May 23, 2019 at 06:30 PM



To the family of Vivian "Ninnie" Norwood...we are saddened by her absence from this life, but rejoice knowing she now receives eternal life! May God Bless, sustain & comfort each of you!!! Robert; Sandra Davis and Family

Sandra H Davis - May 25, 2019 at 09:16 AM

TR

“ *Minnie was my childhood friend. I would stay with her house and she would stay with mine. I'm so sorry to hear this*

tina ray - May 23, 2019 at 06:22 PM

 Tracey Faison

“ *Tracey Faison lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Tracey Faison - May 23, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SF

“ *Sherry Taylor Fleming lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Sherry taylor fleming - May 23, 2019 at 02:19 PM

 Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Mary Rollins - May 23, 2019 at 02:17 PM

TM

“ Teresa Sis McAdams lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Teresa Sis McAdams - May 23, 2019 at 02:11 PM

KE

“ Kenneth(Ricky)McRath lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Kenneth(Ricky)McRath - May 23, 2019 at 01:28 PM

SL

“ Sharron Pep Livingston lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Sharron Pep Livingston - May 23, 2019 at 01:05 PM

LS

“ Lanny And Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Lanny and Teresa Smith - May 23, 2019 at 12:53 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Connie Thompson - May 23, 2019 at 12:40 PM

GW

“ *Gina Williams lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Gina Williams - May 23, 2019 at 12:16 PM

GW

*Jamie and Allen and the rest of the family,
I'm so sorry to read this. Prayers, love and hugs to your entire family.
Gina McGee Williams*

Gina Williams - May 23, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vivian Norwood.*



May 23, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian Norwood.*



May 23, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *Hope Avery Poole lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Hope Avery Poole - May 23, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *Our hearts are broken at the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers will be with each one, as you go through this tough time.*

Love, Jim and Adeline Hyder

James Hyder - May 23, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ *Billy Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Billy Cunningham - May 23, 2019 at 07:41 AM

PG

“ *PHYLLIS GILLESPIE lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*




PHYLLIS GILLESPIE - May 23, 2019 at 06:54 AM

TB

“ *Nikolai this is miss teena and as a little boy i kept you for your mom you was just a little boy at the time i have to say she was a wonderful mom lady and person she and i would talk for hours at times about our good times and bad she always made sure you had the best of care she. made sure you got too school and did that homework she always loved to take pictures of you and she'd always made sure i knew when and always made sure i'd get one i have to say she loved you and made sure you had the best and was given the best i will miss her it was a many of times i needed someone too talk too and she was there for me you go on home now my friend the other Angels of Elizabethton are waiting for you I love you Miss Teena*

Teena bradley - May 23, 2019 at 01:23 AM

 Brenda Akins Charles

“ *Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Brenda Akins Charles - May 22, 2019 at 11:32 PM

MS

“Ninny and the "Norwood crew" was some of my childhood friends growing up together and no matter where I seen her outside of school or one of our yards she always had that smile on her face she was such a beautiful person inside and out,ik her sibilings ,son and the rest are aching with pain of the loss of sweet ninny but was a beautiful angel she made in heaven her glowing smile is probably lightening up heaven right now.



Melissa sheets - May 22, 2019 at 11:14 PM

PY

“Nikolai you have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard about your mom on Saturday. I'm so very sorry. You can and will always welcome and included in our family. Love hugs and prayers. Pat Yelton and Jordan.

pat yelton - May 22, 2019 at 10:18 PM

RF

“To all my cousins, may God bless you all with peace, comfort, and strength. I love you all.

Renee Forney - May 22, 2019 at 07:21 PM

RF

“Robin Franklin lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Robin Franklin - May 22, 2019 at 07:09 PM

GG

“ Me and Ninnie go way back in the day! We road to Kingsport for nearly 2 years and we took turns and she pushed me to go everyday and I pushed her. We made the best of our off days! Traveled and had fun. We knew every song Jaheim made, Uncle Charlie and Jamie Foxx We even had our own verses and add libs! She was always there for me and I appreciate her for being my cousin and friend. Fly High cause Just in Case you did make it Home that Night!

Gladys Glispie - May 22, 2019 at 06:28 PM

JS

“ Judy Bradley Stover lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood



Judy Bradley Stover - May 22, 2019 at 06:24 PM

JS

I'm so sorry to hear about Ninnie's passing. Wayne and I will keep the family in our prayers.

Judy Bradley Stover - May 22, 2019 at 06:26 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Vivian Norwood



Janice wells - May 22, 2019 at 01:52 PM

CB

“ *Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Carol Bradley - May 22, 2019 at 09:16 AM

LL

“ *Louis Locke lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Louis Locke - May 22, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Vivian Norwood*



crystal anderson - May 21, 2019 at 11:10 PM

MR

“ *Chris and myself will miss you. Our children are friends and you were a great friend to me. You will be greatly missed. Love you Vivian.*



Monique Roberts - May 21, 2019 at 09:19 PM

RV

“ Vivian was not only an outstanding collegiate athlete, she was a person of the highest character. I’ve never known anyone with a kinder spirit. It was my honor to both coach her and call her my friend. May God comfort you as only He can. Roger Vannoy

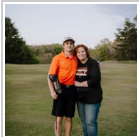
Roger Vannoy - May 21, 2019 at 07:55 PM

MH

“ We send our condolences for the loss of your loved one. Praying for the family. Love The Jackson Family



Mary Jackson Harris - May 21, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ I'm shocked and sad to hear about your passing. Although it's been a couple of years since we last talked, you will be missed. Prayers for your wonderful family. I'm thankful for the memories I have of you my sweet friend!



Dawn Hughes-Monk - May 21, 2019 at 01:27 PM

AD

“ May The Lord watch between me & you while we're absent one from the other- as always. I love you Vivian.

angie duffield - May 21, 2019 at 10:22 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Vivian Norwood*



Melvin Drumgoole - May 21, 2019 at 07:56 AM

GM

“ *I'm going to miss you cousin and the good times, laughs and talks we had together. Go and be at peace. I'll always love you*



Gwendolyn Moore - May 20, 2019 at 06:57 PM