



Norma Jean Dodrill Gunsalus

November 22, 1937 - August 17, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Norma Jean Gunsalus. Norma, 87, of Weedsport, NY went home in the early morning of August 17, 2025, in Gladys, Virginia, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Birch River, West Virginia, to Patrick and Rosa (Fletcher) Dodrill on November 22, 1937. She was the third youngest of sixteen siblings, all of whom are deceased. Norma and the youngest siblings moved as a young teenager to Limerick Street, Marcellus, NY, to be closer to their mother, who was undergoing TB treatment in northern New York.

It was in Skaneateles where she met the love of her life, James L. Gunsalus. They were married on October 2, 1954 and remained married 58.5 years until his death in 2013. Together they raised six children in Skaneateles, where our fondest memories remain.

She is survived by her children; Toni (Mike) Italiano, Vickie (Peter) Harris, Kim Brown, James Lee, Ronny and Lisa (Ron) DeSalis. She is also survived by her many treasured grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandbabies, that brought her hours of joy.

Norma will be remembered for her zest of life, quick wit, great sense of humor, flower gardens and most of all her deep love of family.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our sister, Lisa, for the patience, care and love that she selflessly gave to our mother. Lisa filled our mother's day with love and dignity.

Per Norma's wishes there will be no calling hours.

Hold your mom tight and tell her that you love her.

Her absence will leave an everlasting ache in all the hearts that loved her.

Love you to the moon and back MOM!!!

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom will be greatly missed. Her love lifted the entire family through out the years. Thank you Lisa for dedicating years of your life taking care of mom by yourself. Your love and strength in mom's time of need is what family is all about.

Ron Gunsalus - August 23, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Jill B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Dodrill Gunsalus.

Jill B. - August 22, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ My condolences to Jim, Ron , Vicky and the rest of her children and family. I met Norma through my husband Bill Squires ,She was such a loving and caring woman. She will be missed by so many . Love Sandy and Selena Squires



Sandy Squires - August 19, 2025 at 10:59 PM

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“ Ronald and Lisa DeSalis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Dodrill Gunsalus.

Ronald and Lisa DeSalis - August 19, 2025 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Ronald and Lisa DeSalis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Dodrill Gunsalus.*



Ronald and Lisa DeSalis - August 19, 2025 at 05:48 PM