



## Norma J. Pursley

April 26, 1928 - September 11, 2020

Norma J. Pursley of Bisbee passed away on September 11, 2020 in Safford at the age of 92. She was born in Douglas on April 26, 1928 to Phillip and Clara (Garcia) McDonald; Norma was the second daughter of Phillip and Clara. Her mother remarried to Jim Moorhead and two sons were born of that marriage. Norma loved collecting memorabilia, especially salt and pepper shakers. She spent many hours researching her ancestors and handwriting her genealogy. Norma loved to travel and has photos of several foreign countries. She rode down the Grand Canyon on a mule in her earlier years. Norma was a bookkeeper for several businesses in Douglas and worked at Fort Huachuca doing the same work, she drove many miles from Frontier Road to Sierra Vista. Norma married John Wallace Pursley, and they had two sons John and James. She and her husband ranched cattle most of their married life. They owned the Double Adobe Store for several years. She loved to dance and told stories of getting on a train in Douglas and travelling to Animas, New Mexico to go dancing before she got married. Norma had a good sense of humor, right up to the end. Survivors include her son James W. Pursley, her grandson Gareth Pursley ( Lexie) and her brother Tom Moorhead. Many nieces, nephews, Grand and Great Grand nieces and nephews along with Great Great nephews also survive her. Preceding her in death was her husband John Wallace Pursley, her son John William Pursley, her sister Eva Pursley and brother James Moorhead and her parents. A Celebration of her life will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the El Dorado Community Center

with a potluck to follow. She will be interred with her husband at the El Dorado Cemetery at the base of the Chiricahua Mountains follow the potluck. The family would like to thank the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice for all there care they gave Norma.

# Cemetery Details

## El Dorado Cemetery

Mile Post 63 E. Highway 181  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

El Dorado Community Center  
E. Highway 181  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma J. Pursley* ”

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



**Kerri Armstrong** - October 17, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ *Vonda lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Pursley* ”



**Vonda** - September 30, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ *Karen Harrison lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Pursley* ”



**Karen Harrison** - September 29, 2020 at 05:17 PM

DS

“ Seeing your name brought back lots of memories from my childhood when we were neighbors on Frontier Road. My sincere sympathy to all of your family, Debbie Pearce Sunderland

Debbie Sunderland - September 24, 2020 at 10:46 PM

LA

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ms. Pursley, I'll miss her feisty spirit and all the cookies she would bring to the office.

Larry Moss

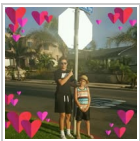
Larry - September 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DB

“ You will be truly missed Auntie Norma.



Debby Brennan - September 22, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Pursley



Betsy Ajeman - September 12, 2020 at 09:32 AM