it was more fashionable to work for peace; and people were becoming aware of the need for psychological or spiritual harmony, as well.

In the later years of the pilgrimage, Norman began to receive invitations to speak as much as a year in advance. She spent fewer nights in haystacks, and had to resort to accepting automobile rides to keep all her engagements.

Her seeming ability to work without rest was a consternation to hostesses who wanted to coddle the aging pilgrim. On one of her trips through town when the Rushes were living in Whittier, Ann Rush remembers inviting Norman to relax her road-weary muscles in their new tub.

“I’m always relaxed,” Norman told Rush, and took a shower instead.

Plugged into a source of endless energy that she claimed was available to everyone, Norman showed no sign of weariness on her seventh crossing of the United States in 1981. Before she completed the crossing she was killed by an inebriated driver who struck the car she was riding in while en route to yet another stop on her pilgrimage. The day before her death she appeared on radio station WKVI in Knox, Ind.

She closed the interview this way: “I certainly am a happy person. Who could know God and not be joyous? I want to wish you all peace.”