



Norman Charles May

July 7, 1933 - December 13, 2020

Norman Charles May, age 87, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020. He was a graduate of Marmion Military Academy in Aurora in 1951 and received his Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree from DePaul University in 1956.

Norman was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served from 1956 through 1958. He married Barbara Smith at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manteno on June 4, 1966.

He worked at Lighthouse Electric and was a manager at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Berwyn, and later in Kankakee. Norman spent most of his life as a stockbroker, retiring in 2001 from Smith Barney. For many years, he was the financial expert for WKAN radio and enjoyed delivering the daily stock update. Norman enjoyed outdoor activities as well as social gatherings with family and friends and was a devout Catholic.

Preceded in death by his parents, Alois and Barbara (Schiltz) May.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Barbara; daughters Stacie, Susan (Brian), Shannon (Stephen), Elizabeth (David), and sons Ryan (Maria) and Gregory; seven grandchildren; sisters Germaine and Marian, brothers Eugene and James, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 from 10am to 11am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 428 S. Indiana Avenue in Kankakee, with funeral services immediately following. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Memorial contributions in honor of Norman may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church (stpatrickkankakee.com) or Uplifted Care Hospice of Kankakee Valley (upliftedcare.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Norm was a great brother. Our get togethers at their house and for their children’s weddings are fun memories not to be forgot. Thoughts of us growing up together also come to mind. Such as when he was so proud of his Mercedes that he brought back to our Columbia St. house from when he was stationed in our army in Germany. All 3 of us brothers and our brother-in-law Ken all working together at our father’s Light House Electric store are also wonderful memories. My love and prayers pour out to Barb and her family. Brother Jim

Jim May - December 18, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Memories of hot summer days and large, fun family gatherings flash to mind as I think of all of you during this time. I can also vividly remember my great visits with you, Aunt Barb, & Uncle Norm, as I passed through on my way to and from the University of Illinois. I can literally hear Uncle Norm’s warm voice, and his energetic hello welcoming me every time I stopped by. Those were special times that make me smile. I am so sorry for your loss, all of you, and the very difficult time of suffering he went through with this virus. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Bruce and I, along with our kids, are praying you through this. I’m clinging to the hope we have in Jesus through my tears.

Love you,
Lori Nixon



Lori & Bruce Nixon - December 15, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MW

“ Mike and I will miss his great smile and sense of humor and our many get togethers. I have so many fond memories of growing up with him- too many to mention but love every one of them. He will be greatly missed and we know he is at peace now.

We celebrate his life and are grateful that he was in ours.

May God bless you and give you comfort, Barbara along with your wonderful family.

We send our love and prayers to all of you, Mike and Marian



Mike and Marian Wanebo - December 15, 2020 at 08:10 PM

GB

Norman was a great brother and friend to both me and Bev along with his wife Barb and all his such devoted children who were all there for him in his hour of passing

..He certainly was a dad to love and to be proud of. We will certainly miss him and hope yet to see him in what life will come...

Gene May (older brother) - December 15, 2020 at 11:10 PM

KM

It has been quite a while since I had seen Uncle Norm. One of my favorite memories of him is of us cruising up and down the river with him on his boat and talking about catfish - something we never saw out west. He was genuine and kind - and very enthusiastic about sharing his enjoyment of the river with us. I also have enjoyed hearing my mom talk about growing up with Norm. He was a great brother and friend to her.

As Christians, we know that this parting isn't forever, but it hurts... May you find comfort in our Hope, Jesus Christ, and in knowing that Norm is more alive now than he's ever been. He is in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father.

Grace and peace be yours,
Kati (Wanebo) Molloy - niece

Kati (Wanebo) Molloy - December 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM

BM

We can't believe that we were lucky enough to see Norm and have a great visit with him for the last time just 2 weeks before he became sick. The afternoon was filled with great memories and proud dad talk of his fine family, and he even was able to Zoom with our family. I remember like it was yesterday as he helped us ready our little house in Marywood for occupation. Norm and I got down on our hands and knees and scrubbed that hardwood floor until it shined! He may be gone from our sight, but his memory will live on forever! God bless you, Barb, and your wonderful family!

Bev May - Sister-In-Law

Beverly May - December 18, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MM

I love Uncle Norm. I remember many good times with him, Aunt Barb and all the cousins at there house when we were kids. I was lucky to be able to see him recently during our weekly zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago with my Mom and Dad. I feel for all of you and send thoughts and prayers that God will give you peace during this time.

Mark May - Nephew

Mark May - December 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM