



Norman Lee Papke

February 28, 1941 - August 28, 2020

Norm Papke, (79), of Bloomington, passed away on (August 28, 2020) at his home.

Born February 28, 1941 in Lincoln, Nebraska, he was the son of Reinhardt and Christina (Mahloch) Papke. Norm was raised on a small farm in Gage County, southeast Nebraska. After graduating from Cortland, NE, High School in 1958, he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education and an ROTC reserve Army officer. Norm served two years of active duty (Sep. 1962 - Sep. 1964) with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, CO. On March 22, 1963, he married the love of his life, Arllys Hayman, of Holland, NE. After completing active duty, he taught math at Golden, CO, High School from 1964-68. After earning a Master's Degree in Mathematics from the University of Illinois, he was hired by NSWC Crane in August 1969. He held various positions at Crane, including aircraft survivability projects, and retired in 2000 after 31 years. He worked an additional ten years as a civilian contractor for Crane, retiring in May 2010 due to health reasons. Norm had been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a blood cancer, which he battled for ten years.

Norm was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington since coming to Bloomington in 1969. Norm was an avid sports enthusiast. He especially loved his Nebraska Huskers football, Indiana University basketball, and the Faith Lutheran softball team.

Norm greatly treasured time with his family. He and Arllys had three

daughters, Suzy (Tracy) Houpt of Fort Worth, TX, Heather (Phil) Ross of Orleans, IN, and Emily (Brad) Schweitzer of Brownsburg, IN. They had nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Surviving relatives include Arlyls of Bloomington; Norm and Arlyls's children and their spouses; the Houpt children, Jackie (Ryan) Hatcher, Sarah Houpt, Bonnie (Josh) Siniard, and Emma Houpt; the Ross children, David, Andrew, and Matthew; the Schweitzer children, Christian and Jocelyn; and great-grandson Sullivan Hatcher. Also, his two older sisters, Verona Burke of Bethany, OK, and Valerie Kerns Marhenke of Lincoln, NE and their descendants, as well as Arlyls's two brothers and their families.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew.

A private funeral service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Online condolences to the family can be made to www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

JB

“ To all of Norm's family - I apologize for the late posting, however, I just now discovered he has passed away. My heartfelt condolences and prayers are your.

I worked with Norm at Crane on a project that tried our knowledge and understanding of theory for a unique product which ultimately ensured the safety of many airmen. During that 4-5 year period, I saw Norm shine with enthusiasm and I gained from his dedication to the end product. It was a true pleasure to share our talents and ideas. Norm was very much more educated on it all than I, yet he was always willing to nurture my desire to gain a better understanding and acquire a better command of our project. I can only imagine his care and patience with his family if his time with me is any barometer.

I am sorry to read about your loss. I lost a good friend and coworker.

My prayers will be for you who are here, and for Norm to rest in eternal peace.

Blessings to all.

Joseph S. Byrd

Noblesville, IN.

Joseph S Byrd - February 29, 2024 at 01:25 PM

JG

“ Ayrilles, I am so sorry to hear of Norman's passing but know he is in arms of Jesus. My prayers are with you and the girls during this time and pray God gives you peace and rest during this time.

God be with you,

Joan Goodson

Joan Goodson - September 03, 2020 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ *The Tinsley and Vargas families purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Norman Lee Papke.*



The Tinsley and Vargas families - September 01, 2020 at 04:11 PM

EH

“ *I new Norm for many years when he was a member of the Data Processing Department at the Naval Center at Crane Indiana. He was a very talented, professional Mathematician. He was highly respected by his peers and all you new him at Crane. Condolences to wife Arilys and all of Norms Family. Edgar D. Hammelman*

Edgar Hammelman - September 01, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Papke.*



August 31, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Papke.*



August 31, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Papke.*



August 31, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *Dear Arllys,*

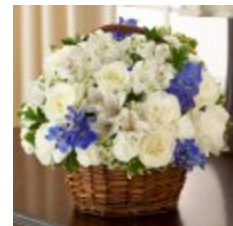
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Norm. It's been years since we were neighbors, but those were some of the most memorable of our lives in Bloomington. You were our introduction to life in Bloomington and you could not have been more welcoming. Again, we're so sorry to hear about Norm. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

*Sincerely,
John and Arlene Schrader*

Arlene & John Schrader - August 31, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Rob & Ronda Ramsak purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Norman Lee Papke.*



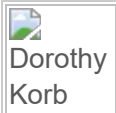
Rob & Ronda Ramsak - August 31, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DH

“ Norm was a rock. He was kind, generous, and always had a smile on his face. And he was a true valued leader at Faith for so many years. He will be missed, but we know he is in the hands of our Lord.

*Arlyls and family, I am truly sorry for your loss, but our comfort is in the Resurrection and the Life that we and Norm know in Christ.
God bless you and your family, Doug Hoffman*

Douglas Hoffman - August 31, 2020 at 10:08 AM



Dorothy Korb

Dear Arlyls. From BSF days I am sending my sorrow for your loss and know he is appreciating the JOY which has always been before him.

Dorothy KORB

Dorothy Korb - September 01, 2020 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ Arlyls and family, We are celebrating Norm's life here on Earth and celebrating his life in his heavenly home. Norm was a sweet man, and we will always remember his smile and his God centered way of living. Praying for you and your family.

Love, Mark, Samantha, Sebastian, and Quinten Schaefer

Samantha Schaefer - August 31, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Papke.



August 31, 2020 at 08:38 AM