



Gary Franz Norman

March 23, 1951 - January 20, 2026

Gary Franz Norman, born March 23, 1951 (age 74) of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away on January 20, 2026, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to his late parents, Knute and Esther Norman. Beloved Husband of 51 years to Cheryl, and proud Father of Gary (Kristie), Tracey and Lisa (Remi) Butera. Adored Grandfather (Papa) of Jack, Emma, Lexi and Maddie. Dear brother of Marybeth (Bill) Stubner, the late Ruth Ann (Herb) Hughes and the late Michael (Cindy) Norman. Eight nieces and nephews, extended family and many lifelong friends.

Having held a 30+ year career at AMC/Chrysler, Gary found joy in retirement with as much golf, bike riding and spending time with family and friends as possible. Loved hanging out in his garage, playing darts, watching tv and staying warm with his wood burning stove named Nellie. Very proud of his Swedish and Finnish heritage. Will forever be Viking strong.

A celebration of his life will be announced in the near future.

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at Wujek-Calcaterra.com

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gary's honor to St Jude's Children's Hospital Online Donations - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or to the American Cancer Society Donate Today | The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I just learned of Gary's passing. Please accept my condolences for your loss of this good man. I worked closely with Gary at AMC and then later at Chrysler. I always enjoyed working with Gary and appreciated his great sense of humor.

Stephen Brueckner - May 06 at 06:33 AM

GM

“ I only knew Gary for a short period of time, having met him when I joined the golfing group of friends he was a part of. I would get to see him only once a year for a few years at the annual PW Classic golf event. I always enjoyed seeing and talking with Gary at this event. He was such a kind, gentle and thoughtful person. I will miss these times we shared together. Rest in peace my friend, and don't wear out the golf courses you'll be enjoying in your eternal life.

Jerry Mason

Gerald Mason - January 28 at 10:06 PM

RB

“ I met Gary in junior high and continued our friendship through high school. I remember going to Ford park and meeting up with HP high school friends to send he and Rick Hieliner off to the service. Our paths crossed again when he returned and when Francine my sister Paula's dear friend passed.

Knute was always positive during his battle I looked forward to our time together during our summer golf trip when we could caught up. I'll miss you my friend see you on the other side.

Ralph

Ralph Bedogne - January 28 at 04:20 PM

PW

“ Gary and I met some 50 +/- years ago. It was really a merger between friendships of mutual friends who grew up in the communities near Highland Park and the west side of Detroit (Warrendale). Over the years these friendships grew in numbers as new friends were added to our mutual circle of friends. The picture of Gary to my left is one that stayed true to Gary as he aged. The smile was consistent over all of these 50 +/- years that I have known you. Also consistent was your kindness and gentle soul. you have fought the good fight and I know you are at peace into the eternity.

Phil Wojtowicz - January 27 at 12:08 PM

KB

“ Gary "Shark" Norman was a genuine gentleman and a dear friend to many. I enjoyed our time together on the golf course during the annual PW Golf Classic at Lakes of the North in Mancelona, MI. Our conversations often revolved around our children and his beloved grandkids, whom he cherished deeply. My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to the Norman family during this difficult time.

Kevin Bush - January 24 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ One of my daughters painted this for her Papa. They Love him so much!



Lisa Butera - January 24 at 09:56 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss of a great husband, father and grandfather. He was a very kind soul. Always made us laugh and he was a very caring person. You will be greatly missed cousin Gary. We will always think of you . You are forever in our hearts ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Donna Reniff (cousin) - January 23 at 08:54 PM