



Norman (Norm) James Pokorny

September 5, 2021

Norman (Norm) James Pokorny, 86 of Venice, FL and formerly of Rockville, MD and Rye, NH, passed away on September 5th, 2021 at Venice Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

He was the devoted husband of Carolyn (Dennehy) Pokorny his beloved wife of 55 years who passed in 2016.

Norm was born in Clutier, Iowa on September 27, 1934, the oldest son of John and Tillie (Chisek) Pokorny. He was raised on his family's now 100 year farm in Iowa and was a very proud member of the 4-H Club.

He graduated from Loras Academy in Debuque before attending University of Iowa in Ames where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Norm went on to earn his Professional Engineering License.

Norm enlisted in the Army and served two years in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia where he met the love of his life, Carolyn Dennehy of Quincy, MA. They married in April 1960, settled in Rockville, MD, and had three daughters.

A successful entrepreneur, Norm founded Seasonair, Inc., a heating, air conditioning and refrigeration business, in 1966. Today Seasonair is one of the largest commercial air conditioning and heating contractors in the Washington, D.C. area.

Norm and Carolyn uprooted from Maryland and became snowbirds in 2000 spending summers in Rye, NH and winters in Venice, FL. Norm loved the warm Florida weather and walking the beach every morning picking up seashells. They loved to travel and spend time with their daughters. They enjoyed many European trips including ones to visit their daughter Karlene and her family in Germany.

Norm was always on the move and loved learning new things. His family and good friends

knew his nickname 'Stormin' Norman.' He was an avid Squash player playing up to his 80's. He also took piano lessons in his 40's and learned to snow ski in his 60's. And you ever needed anything, he was the guy to ask.

A devoted Catholic and Knights of Columbus member, Norm volunteered time throughout his life to support his church and community.

Everyone loved Norm. He had an infectious smile, a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. He always enjoyed dinners and outings with family and friends. He was a dedicated son and brother, wonderful and devoted husband, and a loving, generous father. He adored being a grandfather and most recently a great-grandfather.

Norm is survived by daughter's Jennifer (Andy) Szulinski, Karlene (Andy) Stecher, and Norma Pokorny; grandson Alexander (Emma) Stecher, granddaughter Katharine Stecher, great grandson Maximilian Stecher, and brothers Alvin Pokorny and Robert Pokorny.

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life to honor Norm will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth, NH. Date to be determined due to COVID-19 concerns.

You can direct cards/correspondence to her address:

Karlene Stecher
51 Park Ridge Ave
Rye, NH 03870

or

Jennifer Szulinski
243 Post Rd, #443
Moody, ME 04054

Comments



“ Norman was my first boss at Seasonair. He was so kind and showed me how to do many things that I still do to this day. He was always so generous even picking me up a shot glass on every trip he went on, even years after he was retired. He will be truly missed. Our greatest sympathy goes out to Norm's family. You have all gained a guardian angel and he will once again be with the love of his life Carolyn. Love always your friends Danny and Melanie Robinson

Melanie Robinson - September 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Thank you so much Melanie for sharing those wonderful memories of Dad.

Jenny - September 13, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ The Italian American Club of Venice wishes Norm's family and friends our sincere condolences. Norm was a member of our club since 2018 and was seen often on Friday nights dining with close friends. He was a wonderful person and we all enjoyed his company.

IACV - September 12, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words. He really enjoyed and looked forward to those Friday nights! You just know he and Ed are having a great time hanging out together.

Jenny - September 13, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ Krysia, Daniel And Aniela lit a candle in memory of Norman (Norm) James Pokorny



Krysia, Daniel and Aniela - September 11, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Mr. Norm was such a warm person. He had a wonderful smile that lit up any room. I always enjoyed seeing him on Thanksgiving and other gatherings. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Norm.

Krysia, Daniel and Aniela - September 11, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Tribute from Betty Belfiore:

Norm, Carolyn, Jack and I used to double-date in 1958 when she and I were flight attendants for United Airlines and based in D C. We had graduated together. The four of us double dated until I married in 1959. She caught my bouquet but I couldn't go to her wedding in Boston as I was about to deliver our 2nd son on their wedding day! We always stayed in touch and retired together in FL . Now I'm the only one left and I'm so grateful for our friendship. Norm and I lived very near each other and got together often until the pandemic. I miss them so much but hope to keep in touch with their wonderful girls.



Jenny Szulinski - September 10, 2021 at 10:11 AM



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Jenny Szulinski - September 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ I am the baby brother (15 years younger) of Norman. I was not even born when he went to Loras Academy. My mother told me I was always excited when he came home from Loras or Iowa State University. I was 8 when Norman had a new Ford retractable which impressed greatly. I was 10 when Norman and Carolyn were married. We drove from Iowa to Boston and I was the ring bearer. I spent time with Norman and Carolyn when he was in Lacrosse Wisconsin (training for TRANE corporation) and then the summer after my high school graduation in Rockville MD. I spent several weeks working with him.

I enjoyed it greatly and spent time with my nieces. I have always idolized all my big brothers. My family visited Norman and Carolyn in Florida when my kids were young. But I am sad to say only phone calls since then.

Robert Pokorny - September 09, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Thank you for this heartfelt tribute Uncle Robert.

Jenny - September 10, 2021 at 11:01 PM



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Jenny Szulinski - September 09, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ Uncle Al is 2nd to the left of my Dad

Jenny - September 09, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ Just some memories of my older brother Norman who went to his eternal home last Sunday Sept. 5th.

I was just entering 6th grade at our one room school house Oneida #9 when Norman left home for Loras Academy a Catholic high school at Dubuque, Iowa which was about 2 hours away. I have memories of Norman coming home on holidays and summers, Norman also played football at Loras. After graduation from Loras came engineering studies at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. While at Ames he entered a Coop training program with John Deere Corp. This enabled him to pay his own way but took an extra year to get his degree. Education wise Norman was part of a roll model for me as I followed him to Ames and ISU after my high school graduation,

Perhaps my greatest memory of Norman and Carolyn came about when I was honored to be the "Best Man" at their wedding on April 23, 1960 in Boston, Mass. The wedding and reception at Cape Cod was special and very formal. They were certainly

two people in love. As the Best Man I was called upon to present a toast to the newly wedded couple. With no warning this was an embarrassing moment. It was a short toast and I survived the moment, This marriage was blessed with 3 special daughters Jenny, Carlene and Norma who at this time have my sympathy.

Brother Norman and his bride Carolyn are once more united in heaven. Eternal rest grant unto them. May they rest in peace. Brother Alvin Pokorny

Alvin Pokorny - September 09, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Thank you so much Uncle Al. Karlene found Mom & Dad's wedding picture.

Jenny - September 09, 2021 at 04:44 PM



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Norma Pokorny - September 09, 2021 at 11:44 AM



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Jenny Szulinski - September 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM