



Norman L Saunders

June 24, 1938 - August 30, 2018

Norman Saunders, 80, of Rotonda West, FL, passed away at his home on Thursday, August 30th, after a long illness. By his side were his wife of 61 years, Shirley Saunders, and his daughter, Lorraine Saunders, also of Rotonda West, and his son, Scott Saunders of Groveport, OH.

Norman was born in Battle Creek, MI, and married Shirley Schrock, his high school sweetheart from Battle Creek. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp and had a career with Clark Equipment Company for 36 years where he worked as a service representative. Retirement brought Norman and Shirley to Rotonda West, FL, where they have lived for 18 years, despite the hurricanes, the visits by the alligators in their yard, and the constant battles with the armadillos that ate up their yard. Norman loved it so much in Florida that he no longer wanted to travel as everything he loved was in Florida.

Norman had season tickets to the local minor league baseball games and a local community theatre. He prided himself on keeping his yard nice and hanging his U.S. flag. He loved when members of his family came for a visit and enjoyed playing cards with them. It's the only time he let his kids call him bad names. Above all, he was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Besides being survived by his wife and two children, Norman is survived by his daughter-in-law, Shari Saunders, his granddaughter, Erin Saunders, and his great-granddaughter, Allison, all of Groveport, OH.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Suncoast Humane Society at www.humane.org or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.inglewoodfh.com.

Comments



“ Shirley & Family,
As Treasurer of the Sun Steiners, we want you to know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during these most difficult times. Norm will be missed at the Sun Steiners meetings. We did send this bad news to our other members who are connected on line. Carolyn Estep

Carolyn Estep - September 14, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ While working in the Experimental Department at Clark Equipment I Battle Creek and Norm close by in Service Engineering, I remember Norm a very loyal worker always having the Company's interest foremost even. Going beyond what might be expected of him. Lyman Micklatcher

Norm was also Chiquita's cousin and we always had a good time with him and Shirley whenever the family got together at Aunt Betty's and Uncle George's place at the lake.

Our prayers are with the family during this time.

Lyman & Chee Chee Micklatcher - September 07, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ My love, admiration and respect for Norm is very deep and long since I was 5years old and he and my sister Shirley dated and then got married. Norm was the best brother-in-law and friend I ever had. He was not out spoken but listened carefully and then offered his thoughts when asked. Norm's warm smile and great sense of humor was very genuine. The many memories I have growing up with Norm in my life are will never fade.

Each memory brings nothing but a smile to my face and tears to my eyes knowing he will not be on the other end of the phone to talk about steins, sports and don't get him started on POLITICS! Needless to say I miss him very much and can only hope I can be half the man he was towards his family and friends. I know Norm is without pain now for which I am very thankful and Norm you will always be in my mind and especially in my heart.

I love you "Clyde" and you will missed by the entire Schrock family.
Larry and Marci Schrock

Larry Schrock - September 06, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Norm, but I had the pleasure to work with his daughter Lorraine. To raise such a sweet and dedicated daughter, can only be a true reflection of the great man he was.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Saunders and the family.

Vivian Smith - September 06, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ I had a great opportunity to work with Norm when I was in the Georgetown Ky operations. His leadership and support never went unnoticed and was always very respected by his team and the dealer organization. My UK season tickets were close to his back in the 90's and I enjoyed seeing him. He will be missed but now he can finally get his clean bill of health. God Bless

Don Jackson - September 05, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ Our deepest Sympathy to Norm's family during this difficult time. Norm was a great guy, and a great employee at CLARK. He will be missed. He dedicated a lot of his heart to his job and family. May you all find some comfort in your many wonderful memories of him.

CLARK Material Handling Company
Lexington, KY

Sherry Myers - September 05, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ My interaction with Norman goes back perhaps 46 years when I first met him thru our employment with Clark Equipment Company Battle Creek Michigan. Soon our work relationship transcended into a real personal friendship and relationship that eventually included our wives and lasted thru company moves for both of us to Kentucky, Georgia, Texas (for me) and finally settling in Florida. Norm always impressed me as dedicated and caring to his family, friends, work, proud of his family, professional in every way, hard working with the Company interests always in mind, a true patriot, and always with a unique sense of humor. An incredible amount of great memories I can recall. God Speed Norman with prayers and love; David and Maureen Martin

David Martin - September 04, 2018 at 04:21 PM