



Norbert "Norb" A. Widhalm

July 6, 1943 - February 10, 2023

NORFOLK -- Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Norbert A. "Norb" Widhalm, 79, of Norfolk, will take place at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Visitation is 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, with a 7 p.m. rosary, also at the church. Following a luncheon at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday, burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Humphrey. Military rites will be conducted in the church parking lot by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and the United States Air Force Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Norbert, one of the best-loved sons, husband, brother, uncle and friend, passed away at his home Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, following a brief battle with an aggressive brain tumor. He will be terribly missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Norb entered this world July 6, 1943, in Norfolk, NE, the sixth of 11 children born to Albert J. and Agnes (McGuire) (Billerbeck) Widhalm. A 1961 graduate of St. Francis High School in Humphrey, Norb attended the College of St. Joseph in Albuquerque, NM and later achieved an electrical degree from Northeast Technical College. He served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force and was a military police officer in Vietnam from 1967-1968.

He married the love of his life, Leann (Register) (Cattlett), on July 21, 1989. The couple made their home in Norfolk, where Leann taught at Norfolk Junior High and Norb was employed in distribution and as a window clerk at the U.S. Post Office for 23 years, retiring in 2008.

Norb was pleased to have served his country and was active in the American Legion and VFW Post 1644 in Norfolk, where he was a regular volunteer, serving in the VFW Color Guard and as Quarter Master. He and Leann helped with activities at the Norfolk Veterans Home, taking residents on a variety of outings. He proudly participated in the Vietnam Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2017. He was also a member of the Norfolk Fraternal Order of Eagles.

A lifelong Catholic, Norb lived his faith. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus, and assisted St. Mary's Church as lector, Eucharistic Minister, sacristan and funeral mass server. He helped to fund the Widhalm Family Medical Scholarship provided annually to a senior at St. Francis High School in Humphrey, personally interviewing and advising graduates entering the medical field.

Norb enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing and traveling throughout the country with Leann, and spending time with family and friends. A diehard Husker, Packers and Cardinals fan, he attended countless football and baseball games. Loved and admired by all who knew him, Norb had a gregarious personality and quick-wit and playful sense of humor. He had a mischievous side, which included a twinkle in his eye and wink when he knew he was being funny. He loved joining his family in their texting threads of puns, each trying to top the other in a loving, nonsensical way. He connected with everyone, regardless of age or social status.

Survivors include his wife, Leann; sisters: Helen (Alvin) Fuchs of Columbus;

Patricia J. Widhalm, Charlottesville, VA; Mary V. Widhalm, New York City; Susan Widhalm, Isle of Palms, SC; Beth (Jim) Boesch, Columbus, NE; Mickey (Bob) Creager, Lincoln, NE; brothers: Alan J. (Eileen Sueper) Widhalm, Waverly, NE; and Dr. Tim Widhalm, Omaha; sister-in-law Judy (Fuchs) Widhalm, Ogallala, NE and 16 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Dick and Jack Widhalm, sister-in-law Mardy Widhalm, brother-in-law Jack Gerrity, and nephew Shawn Boesch. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Church in Norfolk.

Honorary pallbearers (friends) will be Bob Mather, Roger Casselman, Larry Robinette, Keith Anderson, Lonnie Prusa, and Joe Schmitz. Honorary pallbearers (nieces and nephews) will be Jason Boesch, Dave Widhalm, Jarryd Widhalm, Chris Widhalm, Eric Fuchs, Tara Gleason. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk
2300 Madison Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Rosary

FEB 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norbert "Norb" A. Widhalm*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Leann i am so sorry for your loss. Loved seeing Norb at the VFW and post office and RA trips. Any time I would see him he would always talk and always he had a smile on his face. He was such a wonderful and caring person. You have so many memories to hold in your heart.*

Deb Freese-Omaha

Deb Freese - February 16, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norbert "Norb" A. Widhalm.*



February 15, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Our condolences Leann. May Jesus wrap you in His loving arms and bring you comfort. Chuck and Rita Foxhoven*

Charles Foxhoven - February 14, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ To the Widhalm Family: So sorry for the loss of Norb. Always enjoyed seeing him at the post office and then after he had retired at the VFW. What a great guy. He will be missed for sure.

Melinda Simonsen - February 13, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Norbert "Norb" A. Widhalm.



February 11, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Leann, so sorry for your loss we loved spending time with you guys at the VFW and seeing Norb at St. Mary's and Honor Guards.

Kyle & Ellie Pospisil - February 11, 2023 at 10:51 AM



So sorry for your loss Leann, Norb was a very nice and wonderful man, he will be missed so much, may he rest in peace at his new home of rest let the perpetual light shine upon him 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kevin Frisch - February 11, 2023 at 04:42 PM



RIP Norb!
Always PROUD to call Norb my double-cousin & friend!
A SUPER PERSON, AMERICAN, & VETERAN
Norb was the kind of person that had NO enemies.
Everyone was his FRIEND!
We Sa.....Lute you Norb!!

Bill & Lois Widhalm

Bill Widhalm - February 11, 2023 at 10:43 PM

RW

Norb was a great cousin to me and every one else im so very sorry for your loss he will be missed teribly by all rest easy norb your job is done here i miss you

Roy f widhalm - February 12, 2023 at 12:06 AM

LD

Leann & Widhalm families....so shocked and sorry to hear about the loss of friend Norby!! I had no idea he was dealing with a tumor so it came as quite a surprise. My sincere condolences to you as you make your way through this difficult time.....He was the BEST of guys and a trusted friend whom I'll miss a lot!! Please know that he has a special place in heaven where, I'm sure, he's already planning a bit of mischief! Rest in peace, Norby....hope to see you again someday!

Lynn Dvorak - February 13, 2023 at 04:53 PM

RM

So sorry to hear of your loss Leann!! 🙏🙏🙏!! Always enjoyed his wit and humor!! He will be missed for his road trips around NE Nebraska and the many friends he made in his travels. Rest in pease, Norb!!!

Russ McKillip

Russ McKillip - February 14, 2023 at 08:39 AM

RH

Norb was a special guy. He was a Packers fan, and I was a Detroit Lions fan, He was a Cardinals fan, and I was a Cubs fan. Norb always had some funny things to say about how much better his teams were than mine. He was a piece of work to say the least. I respected him as a good man and appreciated his service to our Country. My thoughts and prayers are with Leann and the family. May God comfort and encourage you.

Ron Hall

Ron Hall - February 14, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MM

Always enjoyed seeing Norb at Eldorado. His table was always having fun!

Mark Mooberry

Mark Mooberry - February 22, 2023 at 10:52 AM