



Norman P. Harrison

November 20, 1929 - March 11, 2018

Norman P. Harrison, 88 of Grand Island died Sunday, March 11, 2018 in the Grand Island Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM Thursday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Celebrating Mass will be Father Donald Buhrman and Father Charles Torpey. Burial will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Military honors will be rendered by the United States Air Force and the United Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM Vigil Service at All Faiths Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to either St. Leo's Scholarship Fund, Hope Harbor or Central Nebraska Humane Society.

Norman Paul Harrison was born November 20, 1929 in Sargent, Nebraska the son of Ernest and Helen Inez (Dutton) Harrison. He was reared and educated in Cheyenne, Wyoming graduating from Cheyenne High School class of 1947. The family moved to Grand Island in 1949, where Norm was employed by Stryker's Florist and Union Pacific Railroad.

Norm married Elizabeth Ann Carraher on December 27, 1952 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island.

Norm enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in September 1950, and was a Korean War Veteran. During his 21 years of active duty, he served on tours in Canada, England, Germany, Vietnam, California, Mississippi and Texas. He was awarded numerous medals along with the Bronze Star for meritorious

duty in South Vietnam. Norm was also a Korean War Veteran. He honorably retired from military service in 1971. He and his wife were able to travel to Washington D.C. with the first Hall County Vietnam Hero Flight.

Following his retirement from the military, Norm managed Riverside Golf Club from 1971-74. He then became purchasing manager for Heinzman Engineering, Inc. until 1979. He retired from Insurance and Personnel Services in July 1989.

Norm was a parishioner of St. Mary's Cathedral and a charter member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, having served on the parish council. He was formerly a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus member, Rotary International, American Legion, 45-year member of Riverside Golf Club and participant for years on the Nebraska Golf Association Course Rating Team. He previously volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, The Big Brother Program, St. Francis Medical Center, Nebraska State Fair, and was a greeter/usher at St. Leo's. He was also an avid bowler and golfer.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth "Buzz"; two brothers, Rex and Bill Harrison of San Diego, CA; three sisters-in-law, Ruth Carraher, Diane Robinson Grubbs and Patricia Durbin all of Grand Island; and numerous precious nieces, nephews and cousins.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, Dan Carraher, Al Grubbs and Larry Durbin.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman P. Harrison*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *A special memory I have is when Norm called my daughter when she just beginning to doubt there was a Santa Claus. He called her pretending to be Santa Claus. She was so thrilled, he little checks turned red. She jumped up and down that Santa called her. Liz I am so very sorry of your loss. I am unable to attend the funeral. I have a commitment I can not get out of. You will be in my thoughts during this sad time.*
Pat Dolezal

Pat Dolezal - March 14, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ *My dear friend, BUZZ...so many years of our lives you and I have been "connected" and remained so since we started school at St. Mary's. WHen we finished there in 1951 we were miles apart for many years and traveled vastly different roads but, somehow that friendship has survived though we have had too few opportunities to visit face to face. My heart, my love, my prayers reach out to you now as you suffer the loss of Norm. He was a good man and your memories of shared life will bring some tears, some smiles and thanksgiving also for all the adventures you shared. Marg*

Margaret MoslanderThull - March 14, 2018 at 11:18 AM

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“ Thinking of you Elizabeth, and family, as I recall what a super good man this Norm was, not only to St. Francis with his volunteer commitment, but to myself and staff. Could always count on a hug from my friend, Norm, and of course from you as well Liz, my right hand clerical volunteer. My recollection of Norm escorting patients as a volunteer, was that his priority was always the customer and appreciated things being done right, giving great customer service, along with that great smile. He will be greatly missed and I am so glad to have known this gentleman. You take care Liz....AKA "Buzz" as I know Norm nick-named you, I'd like to hear how that came to be someday! :)
Love to you and big hugs,
Christy Sullivan

Christy Sullivan - March 13, 2018 at 01:19 PM