

Norman Parker Bowles

June 14, 1937 - January 15, 2024

Norman Parker Bowles, 86, a lifelong Rush County resident passed away, Monday, January 15, 2024 at Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel, Indiana. Norman was born in Rush County on June 14, 1937 to the late Herbert O. and Evelyn (Martin) Bowles.

Norman was a 1956 graduate of Rushville High School. He married Jane Van Sickle on November 30, 1957 and she survives.

Norman was a barber his entire life. He began his career for a short time in Milroy, IN. He and Jane then moved to Muncie, IN where he barbered at the Varsity Barber Shop in The Village. In 1961 they moved back to Rushville, and he opened his own barber shop on East U.S. 52. He barbered for a total of 66 years and was still barbering before his death.

Norman was also in the Army Reserves from 1954-1962. He served in the 806th Army Postal Unit as Pfc. He also enjoyed a 50 year membership as a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was actively involved throughout his life as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, elder, deacon and session member. In addition to his wife Jane, Norman is survived by his children, Debbie (Kip) Burkett and Doug (Carissa) Bowles both of Rushville, a brother, Alan Bowles of Rushville and two sisters, Doris (Dan) Wallace of New Palestine and Helen McGuire of Rushville. He will also be missed by his grandchildren Brent (Erin) Burkett of Fishers, Brad (Kelsey) Burkett of Greensburg, Bryant (Audrie) Burkett of Evansville, Kyle (Jennifer) Bowles of Rushville, Jonathon (Miranda)

Bowles of Greenwood, Brad Duncan of Bowling Green, KY, Keith Duncan of Carthage, Colton Cudworth of Rushville and Carley Cudworth of Carmel and 13 great grandchildren. He loved his family so very much!

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, his brother David E. Bowles and his daughter-in-law Myra Jean Bowles.

Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 23 at 12pm with Pastor Emeritus Dena E. Vittorio and Reverends Marena and Garrett Vittorio Schindler presiding. Friends are welcome to visit from 10am until the time of service at the church. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to First Presbyterian Church or the Boys & Girls Club of Rush County.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
226 N Morgan St
Rushville, IN 46173-1828
(765) 932-2175

Celebration of life

JAN 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
226 N Morgan St
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Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Tucker lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Nancy Tucker - January 28, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Parker Bowles.*



January 22, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dick O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Parker Bowles.*

Dick O. - January 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM



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Greg Raike - January 19, 2024 at 06:16 PM

BV

“ *Barbara And Mike VanSickle lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Barbara and Mike VanSickle - January 19, 2024 at 01:10 PM

BV

Hugs and prayers to all the family...so sad.

Barbara and Mike VanSickle - January 19, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Parker Bowles.*



January 19, 2024 at 10:08 AM

FF

“ *From The Hackleman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Parker Bowles.*

From The Hackleman Family - January 19, 2024 at 10:08 AM

DG

“ *Praying for Norm's family and friends. He was certainly one of the good ones. He will be sincerely missed. ❤️🙏*



David and Susan Green - January 19, 2024 at 09:03 AM

KM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Norm was such a kind sweet man, he will be missed by many.*



Kel & Susie McClure - January 18, 2024 at 03:44 PM

BE

“ *Bob Emme lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Bob Emme - January 17, 2024 at 11:12 PM

CG

“ *Helen, so sorry to hear about Norman, prayers to you and your family. Carolyn (Morris) Gipson.*

Carolyn Gipson - January 17, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ *Ken Redden lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Ken Redden - January 17, 2024 at 05:13 PM

SA

“ Steve And Deborah Adams lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles



Steve and Deborah Adams - January 17, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KG

“ Dick & Kay Goddard Lit a candle in memory of Norm.. Prayers for the family.



Kay Godard - January 17, 2024 at 12:36 PM

LC

“ Love, Linda Christian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman Parker Bowles.



Love, Linda Christian - January 17, 2024 at 12:19 PM

LC

“ Love, Linda Christian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Parker Bowles.

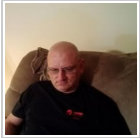
Love, Linda Christian - January 17, 2024 at 12:19 PM

RC

“ *RON D CAMERON lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



RON D CAMERON - January 17, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Jim Walker - January 17, 2024 at 10:21 AM

MH

“ *Mike Holzback lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Mike Holzback - January 17, 2024 at 09:24 AM

DR

“ *Donald Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Donald Rolfe - January 17, 2024 at 09:05 AM

BH

“ *Bill & Beth Holman lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Bill & Beth Holman - January 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

KS

“ *I thought the world of Norm. Such a nice man and true gentleman. I always enjoyed our conversations when getting a haircut and enjoyed seeing him drive by the house in his convertible. He even stopped once and gave me a ride. We laughed about my head sticking out over the top of the windshield!!! He will be greatly missed by many here in Rush County. Rest in peace friend.*

Ken Schroeder - January 17, 2024 at 08:55 AM

DS

Debbie and family, I am sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a true gentleman loved by many.

Darlene Sullivan - January 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM

KD

“ *Always thought so much of him! My father-in-law will miss him terribly as Norm still came to the nursing home to cut his hair...he was a good one!*



Kelly Disbro - January 16, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JW

“ *One of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. Norm will be greatly missed by everyone who ever met him! I will miss our biweekly conversations!*



Jeremy Wood - January 16, 2024 at 08:51 PM

PK

“ *Paula King lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



Paula King - January 16, 2024 at 07:41 PM

DR

“ *David J. Wood, RRT lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles*



David J. Wood, RRT - January 16, 2024 at 06:18 PM

CW

“ *Norm was a special person with a special place in my memory..I am now 59 yrs old and when I was 6 to 12 yrs old I would walk the alley from my grandparents house to get my haircut by norm.. this adventure once a month with forever be ingrained in my memory along with the fantastic tootsie roll lollipop that I would get after the cut ...you will be missed but always remembered!*

Chris waits - January 16, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JV

“ Jackie Vanover lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles



Jackie Vanover - January 16, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JL

“ This makes me so sad. Such a special person and friend. Keeping his family close in thought and prayers.

Joyce I lowes - January 16, 2024 at 05:04 PM

MC

“ Mark Clifford lit a candle in memory of Norman Parker Bowles



Mark Clifford - January 16, 2024 at 03:40 PM

RM

“ Ric and Cathy O'Dell Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Parker Bowles.

Ric and Cathy O'Dell Morgan - January 16, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Parker Bowles.*



January 16, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this sad news. Norm was a wonderful man who was respected and loved by family & friends. He will be missed. Always enjoyed his visits throughout the years. Praying for the entire family during this difficult time! 🥺🙏 RIP Norm*



Sally&John Collyer - January 16, 2024 at 03:04 PM



Norm was an active member of the class of 56 and loved and respected by all of us. I am sure he has been welcomed into God's beautiful heaven. Rest In Peace my friend. You will be sorely missed. Nancy Heckman Picker, class of 56.

Nancy Picker - January 16, 2024 at 03:30 PM



Norman was my cousin and my mom's favorite nephew. She always loved him and was very proud that she was his Aunt Ruth. Jane, Debbie, and Doug, please know that my brother, Larry and I loved him as well. Please accept our sympathy.

Kathleen McKee Perkins - January 16, 2024 at 04:30 PM