



Norman Thomas Gaumer

July 11, 1946 - January 17, 2024

Norman Thomas Gaumer passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, January 17th at his home in Vancouver, WA. He was born July 11th, 1946, in Allentown, PA to Henry and Arlene Gaumer. He was raised by loving foster parents, Myron and Pearl Merkel. Norman is survived by his wife of 41 years, Connie Gaumer; daughter and son-in-law, Billie Jo and Michael Kidd; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Christopher Caruth; daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Jeremy Lawhern; daughter and son-in-law, Kristy and Jason Payton; grandchildren, Athyna and husband Dylan Green, Dallas and wife Hailey Caruth, Austin Caruth, Joshua Kidd, Jacob Lawhern, Layla Lawhern, and RylieRae Kidd; great grandchildren, Dayln Green and Arie Green. Other surviving relatives include sister Shirley Kern; foster brother Abner and wife Jane Merkel; foster brother Hans and wife Silvia Merkle; foster brother Jeffrey and wife Virginia Stein; foster sister Maryann Merkel; other extended family members too numerous to mention. 1st sergeant Norman Gaumer retired from the U.S. Army in 1986 after serving his country for 22 years. He retired from his second career working as a custody officer for the Clark County Jail after another 22 years of service. He was always the life of the party, armed with an arsenal of corny and punny jokes. He loved to laugh, tell stories, write, read God's word, and spend time with family. In his healthier years, you'd find him waxing cars, swimming in his backyard pool, or duct taping some lawn tool or household appliance. Norman was always singing the praises of his wife, whom he dearly loved. His daughters would describe him as the rock of their

family. He was the person they went to when they needed advice, encouragement, a good laugh, a ride to the airport, or a helping hand. Stormin' Norman will be greatly missed. No amount of time with him would have ever been enough. Those lucky enough to have known and loved Norman were immensely blessed. Family and friends are invited to Norman's celebration of life on Saturday, February 10th at 12 o'clock PM at Living Hope Church (2711 NE Andresen Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661).

Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 05:25 PM

BH

“ 1SG Norman Gaumer was my 1SG when I was CDR of B Company, 1-68 Armor in 1984 in Wildflecken, Germany. He was without a doubt the finest NCO I've ever served with in 46 years (30 active duty and 16 as a DAC) of service to the nation. He was a tireless , devoted to his Soldiers and the hardest working leader in our unit. Be thou at peace Top! COL(R) William Hamilton

Bill Hamilton - October 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Enjoyed the auctioneer performing he did at the old church in Yacolt. Norman was dedicated to doing a good job w/o too much fuss. Always a Team Player

Lydia Casey - February 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Anonymous - February 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Norman stood above a young man and looked at him, not down to him, with little to say. Standing there ,with what appeared to be angry eyes , asked a young man a few questions. These questions shall remain between the two but have forever changed the young man's life and a few generations beyond him. Decades later, a young man holds this conversation (and a few more) very close to his heart. Thank you Sir.... I am forever grateful and still impressionable by your presence!

Jason Almost???????? - February 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Norm always had a smile on his face and a big heart. I am out of town for his service. Thank you Norm for making a difference and your many years of service. RIP.
Mike Anderson

Mike Anderson - February 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ It was a pleasure working with you at the Sheriff Department for 14 years. The inmates used to think I was you and wanted me to tell them a joke. I would always tell them "later".
You and I had similar careers retiring from military and then going on and retiring from the Sheriffs Department Clark County. I will miss our phone calls. My condolences to your family.
Earl Edwards

Earl Edwards - February 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May the memories be cherished and his soul rest forever.



Crane Worldwide Logistics - February 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My greatest condolences to your family. I will always remember Norman with fondness, love and laughter. He was a great man and will forever be missed. Best wishes.... Shannon Stokes

Shannon Stokes - February 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Norman Gaumer has always put God first and family first. Their family are amazing and always give to others. You will be deeply missed and thank you for your love and friendship to all
Debbie LeFever

Debbie LeFever - February 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My Family and I will always miss our Birthday songs yearly and all his Jokes. Love you Norman, Bonnie and Mike, until we meet again

Bonnie & Mike Croizier - February 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ *Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Norman Thomas Gaumer - February 02, 2024
at 12:00 AM