



Norman May

June 20, 1951 - March 25, 2023

Princeton - Norman Chris May, 71 of Princeton, IL passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at OSF St. Claire in Princeton surrounded by his loved ones.

Norman was born in Princeton, IL on June 20, 1951 to the late Verle and Lulu Mae (Thomas) May. He was a graduate of Malden High School, Class of 1969. He attended IVCC, receiving a degree in Agriculture Science in 1971. He married the love of his life, Rita Zimmerlein on March 12, 1971 at the First Lutheran Church in Ohio, IL. They recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

He joined the United States National Guard serving from April of 1971 until he was honorably discharged in December of 1976. He received numerous medals including: sharpshooter, conduct and Military Justice.

Norman and Rita made a home on the family farm. They ran the farm together and raised their four children; Taunia, Alicia, Brendon, and Evan, who all took part in the care of the farm; land and animals. He was a member of the Church on the Hill Princeton, IL and most recently a member of First Lutheran Church in Ohio, IL. He was also a member of the Princeton Moose Lodge.

He loved spending time with his wife and family, enjoying home cooked meals, playing with grandchildren, sharing music, stories, teasing and laughter. His

grandchildren loved to ride in the tractor and play on the farm. He had a love of karaoke and his deep rich bass voice lended him the nickname of "Johnny Cash". His amazing sense of humor was a treasure that even when he was down, he loved making others laugh. Norman was always a friend, never a stranger.

Norman is survived by his wife, Rita May of Princeton, IL; four children: Taunia May (Nathan Roos), Alicia Bolin (Mike Preissner), Brendon (Vicki Nelson) May, and Evan May (Abby Bugari); seven grandchildren: Kaedyn Bolin, Madyson Bolin, Ryan Bolin, Lauryn May, Gavin May, Megan May and Rachel May; two sisters: Pam (Gerald) Miller, and Shari (Greg) Missal; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, Verle and Lu May and brother-in-laws; Gerald Miller and Ernie Pease.

A visitation for Norman will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 from 5:00 p.m., to 8:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Services will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church on the Hill) Princeton, IL at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Pastors Jeff & Lori Whalen.

Graveside services to follow on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church on the Hill) Cemetery, Princeton, IL. Closing prayer by Pastors Jeff & Lori Whalen.

Memorials to the family.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Cemetery Details

Church on the Hill Cemetery

15199 2825 East St
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Church on the Hill

Graveside Service

APR 4. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Church on the Hill Cemetery
15199 2825 East St
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall



“ I spent a good amount of time with Norman having also attended Malden schools and serving in the same unit of the Illinois National Guard. We grew up on farms no more than a mile or so apart. A good guy who will be missed. My sympathies to the family.

Neil Kastor - May 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman May.



April 03, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Norman May.



March 31, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman May.



March 31, 2023 at 12:56 PM

ED

“ Edward Elmhurst IT Department purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norman May.



Edward Elmhurst IT Department - March 31, 2023 at 09:00 AM

BD

“ Condolences to the family. I work with Norm at LCN.He was a good man.



Barry Dugosh - March 31, 2023 at 07:46 AM

DF

“ Rita sending heartfelt prayers for you and your family at the loss of Norman.

Debra Flanagan - March 30, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KB

“ Rita, sending you and your family my deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Kani Bopes - March 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman May.*



March 28, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *We send our condolences and prayers to your family over the loss of Norman. As friends of Alicia we sure wish we'd have had an opportunity to meet him he sounds like a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and we thank him for his service. With Love, Hugs, and prayers, Karin and Brad Nye*

Karin and Brad Nye - March 28, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Your Friends at BHHS Fox Cites Realty purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Norman May.*



Your Friends at BHHS Fox Cites Realty - March 28, 2023 at 02:53 PM