



Norman V. Rydgren

March 7, 1932 - May 19, 2015

Norman V. Rydgren, 83, died Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea following a lengthy illness. He was the loving husband of the late Maryanne (Shepherd) Rydgren, with whom he shared forty-six years of marriage.

Born in Lynn on March 7, 1932, he was the son of the late John and Evelyn (Gran) Rydgren, he was raised and educated in Lynn and was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School and attended Northeastern University. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Norman had been employed as a senior aircraft designer at the General Electric Riverworks plant in Lynn until the time of his retirement.

A longtime Danvers resident, he was a past president of both the Danvers Touchdown Club and the Danvers Jaycees. He also volunteered his time as a member of the Danvers Conservation Commission and was a founder of Danvers Girls Softball. He was a member of the former Calvary Episcopal Church and had been active in the Masonic Community. He leaves three daughters, Erika Rackliffe and her husband Brian of Seabrook, NH, Lauren Cummings and her husband Robert of Danvers, and Kristin Rydgren of Lynn, his grandchildren, Aliyah, Alexandra, Alicia, James, Rebecca, Braeden, Torin, and Kristian, his great-grandchildren, Sateira, Madison, and Tyler, his sister, Nancy Baldwin of Peabody, his brother-in-law, William Shepherd and his wife Marlene of Florida, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Dana Rydgren.

His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 11AM in C.R. Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers Square. Burial will follow in Wadsworth Cemetery, Summer St., Danvers. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours will be Friday from 4-7PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472 or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Cemetery

Wadsworth Cemetery

Summer Street

Danvers, MA, 01923

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Norm and I shared a lot of laughs together while bowling in the Triangle Bowling League at the Metro Bowl in Peabody. He was a decent bowler. I was saddened when we were told that he was unable to join us any longer due to health problems. We became instant friends when I told him that I am in the same neighborhood where he grew up in Lynn. He paid us a visit one time when he was touring our area. He was a great, and a fun guy to be with. I have missed him ever since he left the league. He was, and will be missed! I can also confirm that his handshake could crush a small car. I always told him that I wouldn't want to go up against him in a football game! My best to each and every member of his family.

Ray Flammia

Ray Flammia - May 22, 2015 at 09:42 PM



“ My condolences to the family – Norm was a very nice person, he was one of the first people I met when I started at GE over 30 years ago. He always had a smile on his face, easy to talk to and a handshake that could crush a small car.

Nick Bagarella - May 21, 2015 at 07:16 AM



“ I remember Mr. Rydgren coming into The Wardhurst talking , laughing, and " catching up" with my dad Peter

Carrie Routsen Hebbelinck - May 20, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ A great person a great smile some good BS and great memories. He will be remembered. GE was one big family.

Stephen Nickerson - May 25, 2015 at 01:24 PM