



## Norman Ralph Maple

December 31, 1943 - April 12, 2019

Norman Ralph Maple, age 75, of Lake Station, passed away peacefully at VNA Hospice, in Valparaiso, on April 12, 2019, after a short battle with bile duct cancer. He was born December 31, 1943 to Ralph and Opal (nee McCreary) Maple. Norm graduated from River Forest High School, Class of 1962. He served stateside in the Army during the Vietnam era. Norm retired from Arcelor Mittal (Burns Harbor) after 36 years as a welder. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and dear friends.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents-Ralph and Opal; stepfather-Mike Kopcha and his siblings. He is survived by his wife-Carrie (nee Czubik) Maple; daughter-Janice Domen.

Per Norm's wishes, there will be no formal services. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The worst thing about getting old is not losing your own life but losing the lives of your friends. Norm and I had so many "adventures" together in High School, during and after Military Service that no one would believe them even if we were both there to lie about them standing side by side. Visiting Norm at Indiana State was as close to Animal House as you can get and not get paid by Hollywood to act out the parts. I will miss my dear friend very much. True friendship is hard to earn and it's heartbreaking when it's lost. Carrie, my most gracious thanks and admiration for your love and affection to Norm. I will always love and admire you for that. Tony Valovich*

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**Tony Valovich** - April 22, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Aunt Carrie - I am so sorry for your loss! You took such good care of him and did everything possible to keep him comfortable. God Bless you!! You can and will get thru this terrible loss.*

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**Ellen Fonzi** - April 17, 2019 at 02:02 PM

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“ *Carrie our most sincere condolence's to you and your family. May Normal rest in peace and may you be comforted by our Lord and Savior...*

*Brian & Diane Leonard*

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**Brian & Diane Leonard** - April 15, 2019 at 11:48 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss Carrie. Be assured he is in God’s hands now.  
Carolyn

Carolyn Hartley - April 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

GN

“ So sorry to hear of Norm’s passing. He was such a nice guy and a  
lot of fun. Our condolences to his family. Gloria and Dominic Notaro

Gloria Notaro - April 15, 2019 at 01:50 PM

LP

Aunt Carrie, we are so sorry for your loss and ours too. Every year that  
goes by on New Year’s Eve we post our thoughts of how much we  
missed him. With love his niece. Lynnette Popovich

Lynnette Popovich - December 31, 2025 at 07:59 AM