



## Norman W. Stavem

August 27, 1934 - July 11, 2024

Norman Wesley Stavem, age 89 of Crown Point, Indiana, formerly of Hobart, IN passed away on July 11, 2024. He was born and raised in Gary, IN to Olaf and Dorothy Mae Stavem. Norman was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, Dale. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Barbara Stavem Keilman, and his loving nieces, Deborah (Brian) Dawson, Cynthia (Karry) Speichert, and Sherry (Scott) Praxl. He is also survived by his 6 great nieces and several great-great nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Emerson High School in 1953, Norman enlisted in the Army Reserve and attended Purdue University Calumet Center. He later became a draftsman and spent his entire career working for United States Steel - Gary Works. He enjoyed bowling throughout his life, from setting pins at the local alleys during his teens, participating in leagues and tournaments as an adult, to more recently joining the Rolling Thunders bowling league at St. Anthony Majestic Care home.

Norman spent the majority of his years in service to others through membership in fraternal organizations. He was a 57-year member of the Gary Masonic Lodge No. 677 where he spent countless hours volunteering, and holding many officer positions including Worshipful Master in 1975. He held membership in the Knights of the York Cross of Honour. For many years, Norman could be found volunteering at the Masonic corn roast booth at the

Lake County Fair.

As a 37-year member of Orak Shriners, Norman was in the Transportation Unit that provided families pickup and delivery service to and from Shriners Hospital for Children in Michigan City, IN. He was a Color Guard member where he proudly carried the flag in many rituals and summer parades, and he could be found during the months of May and June selling vidalia onions on the Crown Point Square.

Norman was an Honorary Member for Life of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. While the hours he spent in fraternal life and charitable service were countless and honorable, Uncle Norm will be missed more for his quirky humor and for never missing the special moments in his nieces' lives.

Private interment at Calumet Park Cemetery will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Shriners Children's at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Calumet Park Cemetery**

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ My condolences to Norm’s family. WB Norm was a mentor of mine as I entered Gary Lodge. I loved talking with him as much as just listening to him. I loved his dry sense of humor and our dinners together. Of course, there was always hot sauce. I can’t begin to imagine the number of Brothers who were positively influenced by Norm. I’m glad to have called him a Brother, and the world is a lesser place with him gone.

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**Chris McQuillin** - July 17, 2024 at 04:06 PM

BH

“ Norm was an outstanding Brother Mason. He always had something pleasant and interesting to talk about. And, he did love his Hot Saise@

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**Brad Harmon** - July 16, 2024 at 09:52 PM

KH

“ UNCLE NORM WAS ONE OF A KIND. AND A VERY KIND MAN WHO WE GOT TO KNOW WHEN MY MOTHER AND HE WERE BOTH AT TOWNE CENTRE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY IN THEIR TIME OF LOSS. UNCLE NORM'S SMILE WILL BE MISSED.  
LOVE,  
KAREN & JERRY HALLER

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**Karen Haller** - July 16, 2024 at 05:49 PM

JK

“ *Condolences to the Family..WB Norm Was an inspiration to many of His Fraternal Brothers over His years of Masonic Service. I am proud to have had the privilege of sharing a part of my life's journey with him..R.I.P. My Brother!*

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**John Kuckuck** - July 16, 2024 at 05:30 PM

RB

“ *Norm was one of my Mentors when I became a Mason with Gary Lodge 677, and after became a dear friend and Brother. So many great memories of my friend , in Lodge and sharing a meal with afterwards. Had the best twisted sense of humor, and always made me laugh. When at Lodge if we had something he didn't like to eat. I would bring him his White Castles that he liked most of all, oh that and a bottle of Hot Sauce. Rest well my brother, I will always remember you foundly*

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**Ray Borchert** - July 16, 2024 at 05:24 PM