



## Earl Anthony Norra

November 12, 1934 - July 6, 2016

Earl Anthony Norra, 81, went to be with our Lord on July 6, 2016. Earl was born on November 12, 1934 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Shirley Ann Krause, February 2, 1958. He retired from Gulf Oil after 31 years followed by contract work for Chevron. For the last several years, Earl was a crossing guard for Austin Parkway Elementary. He was an active member of St. Laurence Catholic Church, where he was on the board for Social Concerns Ministry, and a regular volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley Krause Norra, parents, Eugene and Olivia Meyers Norra, sister, Earlene Norra DeBlanc and brother, Eugene H. Norra.

He is survived by his children, Anne Norra Dyess and husband Bobby, Earl "Chip" Norra, Jr., Michael Norra and wife Denise, Robert Norra and wife Betty, Leslie Norra, sister, Mary Clare Norra, grandchildren, Samantha Dyess, Casey Norra, Katy Norra, Christopher Dyess and Jennifer Dyess.

The children of Earl wish to share the words he wrote to them several years ago.

"When it is my time to go to the Father,  
I pray that I have been a spiritual

Influence for my children to follow  
And dedicate their lives to our  
Lord and Savior."

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the American Diabetes Society  
or the American Heart Association.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. St.  
Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land with burial to follow at Greenlawn  
Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Visitation will be Monday evening from 4-8 P.M.  
in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home with a Rosary at 7 P.M.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of comfort, Jehovah God, hear your prayers and provide you with peace. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

Christian Love - July 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Chip, I was looking for a memorial of a classmate, Cindy Anderson, when I saw your dad's. Please accept my sincere condolences. Your father has a wonderful legacy in you. I hope the world is treating you well.

Donna Hull - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Mr. Earl was my crosswalker when I was in elementary school. I remember one year when I was little he gave me a gift on my birthday. Three or four years later, after not walking to school due to my parents work for a couple years, he still remembered my birthday. When my older brother entered middle school he missed the bus once. Luckily his bus stop was at the cross walk, and Mr. Earl, the wonderful man he was, waited until the bells rang for the elementary school, and then drove my brother to school. I have a very fond memory of Mr. Earl and will always cherish his kindness and love for others in my heart. We miss you Mr. Earl.

Lydia Hassall - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I worked at Gulf Oil Cedar Bayou plant from 1975-1980. Working in the polyethylene plant, equipment was always being in need of repair. Earl Norra was the go- to man for everything and anything. He knew what was needed to fix a compressor or pump or valve and could explain it all in great detail. Mostly when I think of Earl, I remember his kindness to me, a new female engineer at the time. He treated me equally and respectfully. I learned a lot from him. Prayers for Earl and all his family.

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**Mary McGivern** - July 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Chip and Norra Family we extend our sincere condolences in the passing of your father. May your memories help heal you during this most difficult time.

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**Harry & Irene Conte** - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Anne, Chip, Mike, Robbie and Leslie,

*Bob and I only have the best of memories of your dad, mother, and the entire family during our Houston/Alief years.*

*We send our love and prayers to you now with the passing of your dad.*

*God bless.*

*Mary and Bob Davis*

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**Mary Davis** - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I love you, Mr. Norra. You, your lovely wife and of course, my dear friend, Leslie, and all the Norras are family to my mother and I. God certainly received a great angel in you. What makes me smile is knowing you are now with Mrs. Norra, your parents, and all the "oldie" music makers. I am sure you are chatting it up with everyone : Please say hello to my Grandmother while you're there :You and Mrs. Norra will always have a special place in our hearts.

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**Bill and Cristina Ward & Mom Jo** - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne Marie, Chip, Mike, Robbie and Leslie, I am so sorry to hear that Mr. Earl passed away. I have so many great memories of spending time with all of you and your mom and dad. You are all in my prayers. Pat "O'Neil" Richter

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July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.

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**Marjorie & Chris Hancock** - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I did not know Mr. Earl personally, yet he felt like a member of our family. I have driven my grandsons to and from school daily for the past three years and always looked forward to seeing Mr. Earl and receiving a wave and friendly smile from him. On the mornings we arrived too early and he wasn't there yet, it always felt like something was missing as we really looked forward to seeing him. It is so hard to imagine that we will never again see his bright smile on our daily commute. It was apparent that he loved the children and was dedicated to protecting them as well as sending them on their way with a little humor, a pat on the shoulder or just some kind words. We will miss you dearly, Mr. Earl.

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**Judy Morris** - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

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**American Heart Association** - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Remembering my friend Earl from our time at Gulf Oil back in the sixties. He was always in a hurry to finish the job at hand and get on with the next one. Earl was an old fashioned man, worked hard, respected everyone he came in contact with and made many friends by just being Earl. I was happy to renew acquaintance with Earl these past several years at St Laurence. I'm quite sure Earl's life will qualify him to for early arrival in Heaven. He's probably looking around to see what he can do to help. May God bless dear Earl.

*Pat Ryan*

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**Pat Ryan** - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *The Norras have been our very close and true neighbors for over twenty years. The family has been a part of our lives too. One could not ask for better neighbors/friends. God bless all past and present.*

*Sara and Hugh*

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**The Van Hattens** - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Earl was a pleasure to know and work with. Men like Earl built a strong foundation to Notre Dame Parish...a legacy that's still strong today. There's not many left like my dear friend Earl! Requiescat in pacem! Msgr. Leo Wleczyk*

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**Msgr. Leo Wleczyk** - July 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Our entire family sends prayers at this time. From all I read & hear from Samantha Dyess he was an awesome , special man. It is sad to lose our loved ones but he is in a better place. May he rest in peace back with his beautiful bride & Our Lord.*

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**Jackie Roy** - July 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *He was the crossing guard for my children for several years. The nicest, kindest guy you could find. The kids looked forward to chatting with him every morning on the way around the crosswalks. He was also one of the best guards, very capable of managing the traffic, and I felt completely confident when he was there in spite of the crazy drivers. He was one of the shining stars in this world and it's a bit darker for his passing. My condolences to his family and close friends for their loss.*

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**Dana Shahraki** - July 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Norra, who was generous with his time and effort in the Sugar Land community. May he rest in peace.*

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**Carolyn Zaskoda** - July 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM