



Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr.

September 25, 1946 - December 22, 2025

Joseph Robert (Bob) Norman Jr. was born on September 25, 1946, in Freeport, Texas, and passed away peacefully after a long struggle with cancer on December 22, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by Susan Henry Norman, his beloved wife of 55 years, daughter Susan Elizabeth Norman, son Robert and his wife Adrienne Norman, grandsons Michael Nester and Truitt Denman, and great-grandson Jonah Nester. The oldest of seven children, he is survived by Bettie and husband Joe Greer, Becky and husband Ernie Cagle, Beth Norman Imperatore, Barbara and husband Mark Slanis, Bruce and wife Leslie Norman, and Bridget and husband Chuck Lewellen. He will be missed by his fourteen nieces and nephews and nineteen great-nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from Brazosport High School in Freeport in 1964 and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in chemical engineering in 1968. He joined the US Navy in 1970 where he met Susan, his best friend and the love of his life. After training in Newport, Rhode Island, and Port Hueneme, California, he was assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 2 in Little Creek, Virginia. After leaving the Navy in 1973, Bob built a distinguished career in the chemical and engineering industries. He worked for The Dow Chemical Company for 25 years across Texas and Louisiana operations. Bob continued his work in Plant Operations and Ethylene

Technology, contributing his knowledge to Jacobs Engineering, Westlake, Bechtel, Linde and Technip. He thoroughly enjoyed consulting for Cliff Knight of Knighthawk Engineering, valuing both the work and the professional camaraderie it brought.

In retirement, Bob devoted himself to a passion project close to his heart: fostering and facilitating adoptions of Rhodesian Ridgebacks. He could often be seen walking or bicycling through the neighborhood with three or more dogs, training and playing with them at local dog parks, or happily driving them around town. His love for these dogs was an extension of his generous spirit and quiet dedication to caring for others.

Bob's faith was central to his life. He was an active member of St Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, where he served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and participated in the men's Bible study, building strong friendships grounded in faith, service and fellowship.

Above all, Bob was devoted to his family. He led with kindness and quiet strength, loving his children in a way that reflected his deep faith in God and modeling what it meant to honor one's spouse and live with integrity. His grandchildren and great-grandson brought him immense joy, and he took great pride in the family he and Susan shared.

Bob will be remembered for his steady presence, wisdom, dry humor and calm confidence. He was a man who showed up fully, loved deeply and lived faithfully.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph R. (Jack) Norman, Sr. and Vivian Broussard Norman.

Visitation and Rosary will be held on Tuesday, January 20, from 5:00 to 8:00

pm at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg, Texas.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 10:00 am at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, with a reception immediately following in the Parish Hall. Interment will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park at 1:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

Expressions of remembrance and condolences are welcome and may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

Funeral Mass

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Luanne Zacek & Dr. Matthew Pesek Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..*



Luanne Zacek & Dr. Matthew Pesek Family - January 17 at 01:58 PM

SS

“ *Suzan Slater purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..*



Suzan Slater - January 16 at 02:49 PM

LM

“ *Love, Jess Colbenson and Lisette Manuel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..*

Love, Jess Colbenson and Lisette Manuel - January 16 at 01:29 PM

LM

“ *Love, Jess Colbenson and Lisette Manuel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..*



Love, Jess Colbenson and Lisette Manuel - January 16 at 01:29 PM

AG

“ Aaron & Tammy Cauley and Jennifer Gail planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..

Aaron & Tammy Cauley and Jennifer Gail - January 15 at 06:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph R. (Bob) Norman, Jr..



January 15 at 06:44 PM

PW

“ Sweetest Bob. You have meant so much to our whole family since we began to sit together on our "Journey to the Gym" at St. Laurence. My then little girls thought you hung the moon, with your great wit and your smile that lit up the room. You were quite a presence.

John and I also played many racquetball matches with Bob; he was a fierce competitor with a wild forehand. But I think the closest we became was when he was older and would tear up at some of the hymns, especially Be Not Afraid, that I sang; because he understood what they meant to me as a powerful prayer to honor our Lord.

I will miss you, my friend, and try to take care of the ones you loved so dearly.

Always in my heart,
Pam White

Pam White - January 10 at 12:54 PM

ES

“ I will always have fond memories of going to Uncle Bob’s house and watching the Star Wars trilogy (and Episode 1) on the biggest TV that was available at the time! We had some great conversations about the pod races and battle scenes that were always accompanied by some popcorn and or a sweet treat.

Uncle Bob also introduced me to the great sport of racquetball. I remember how cool I felt as a 8th and 9th grader and being picked up in Bob’s Camaro Z28 from the house and getting to pull up to the gym (where a lot of my classmates exercised) for our racquetball sessions. I believe I had more fun in that car than I did ever actually playing racquetball. That being said, we did enjoy some fierce matches in the glass.

I love you Uncle Bob.

Love Eric

Eric Stanis - January 07 at 06:58 PM