



## Norb A. Metzger

January 13, 1933 - March 14, 2012

On March 14, 2012 heaven got a great one! Norb Metzger passed away after 79 years.

Norb was born on Jan. 13, 1933 to Adeline and Rudolph Metzger. After graduating from Macomber Vocational High School in 1951, Norb served in the US Army, stationed in Anniston, Alabama during the Korean War.

Norb married Patt (Fandrey), on June 20, 1953. They enjoyed nearly 59 years of marriage, much of it spent raising a family of five children.

Norb was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, the South Toledo YMCA and then later St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns. He enjoyed being involved with TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) retreats, coaching CYO basketball and was an accomplished bowler for many years.

In 1976 Norb founded Type House, a small family business with his sons. He worked closely with area ad agencies, freelance designers, printing companies, and hospitals. He loved his customers and employees and enjoyed being a small business owner. He passed on the family business, known today as Metzgers Printing and Mailing in 1995, and enjoyed 17 years of retirement. After a few years of traveling, Norb and Patt moved to The Villages, FL., where they met new friends and became avid square dancers. Norb was a loving husband, caring dad and grandpa. He was a successful entrepreneur, a passionate small business owner, boss, business partner, leader, and friend. He will be missed by many.

Norb was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Adeline, brother,

Albert and son, Richard.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patt; children Tom (Anita), Cathy (Ken) Plante, Connie (Jim) Flahie and Joe (Dana); daughter-in-law Marilyn Metzger; and 10 grandchildren, Adam & Tony Metzger, Christopher (Stephanie) Plante, Sean (Natalie) Flahie, Kerry (Danny) Stoots, Ryan Flahie and John, Mark, Kevin & Kelly Metzger. He is also survived by his brothers Robert (Marlene) and Gene (Louanne), as well as many friends in Toledo, OH and The Villages, FL.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43614, with a prayer service at 7:00pm.

Additional visitation will begin at the funeral home on Monday at 9:15 a.m. Funeral mass and celebration of Norb's life will be at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, Ohio at 10:00am. For his Florida family and friends, a prayer service will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake, FL 32159. Date and details will be shared once plans are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, donations to be made to:

The Villages Hospice House, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162,  
The America Cancer Society 740 Commerce Drive, Perrysburg, OH 43551. w  
[www.cancer.org/involved/donate](http://www.cancer.org/involved/donate). Please view and sign the online guest book at  
[CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. We remember you both from Friendly Squares. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Al & Marleen Robinson##imported-end##

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March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll miss him. He was like a dad to me. So full of life and what a great smile. Very sad.##imported-begin##Joyce##imported-end##

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“ Kathy and family - we were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, and hope that many happy memories will help you through the grief.##imported-begin##Patty & Jeff Moore##imported-end##

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“ Dear family of Norbert A. Metzger:

*Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Norbert. Leslie and I will keep him, and your family, in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joe and Leslie D'Arcangelo##imported-begin##Joe and Leslie D'Arcangelo##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Metzger Family,*

*We Surely Lost A Good One. In His Memory  
We Could All Aspire To Follow His Example!##imported-  
begin##George & Nancy Zitzelberger##imported-end##*

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March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom, Joe and all of the Metzger family -  
I just learned of Norb's passing and you have my heartfelt  
sympathy. It's times like these that you wish for one more day, one  
more hour - yet are so grateful for the years you had together. Your  
strong family and faith will see you through and guide you forward.  
Norb's life and leagacy will live on in every day of your lives.*

*Steve Gross##imported-begin##Steve Gross##imported-end##*

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“ *I always remembered his smile...larger than life (which Norb was)  
and seductive to his belief. One couldn't say "no" to him and hold  
that stance very long.*

*He was a self made man who had the ability to take a complex  
situation simply it, give it direction and bring a group to action. His  
boundless energy was addictive.*

*I am sorry for your loss. Maybe they are sing "Shine On" in heaven  
right now.*

*Terry Steinbauer##imported-begin##Terry SSteinbauer Terrysteinbau  
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“ *To The Metzger Family  
We send our Prayers and Condolences to Your Family.No one can  
earase the Great Memories that we shared when going up with your  
Family esp.at the YMCA  
Thank You and God Bless##imported-begin##The Smales freeman  
1457s@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Norb was a dear friend to us and we enjoyed  
our square dancing with Patt and Norb in The  
Villages, Florida.  
.I know how hard it is to loose  
a mate and loved one, but we have our fond  
memories and Norb is one of them  
I just pray that God will give the Metzger family  
peace and comfort during this time and  
God Bless You Patt*

*Don Walker##imported-begin##Don Walker##imported-end##*

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“ *Your dad was the best. He worked so hard and did everything he  
could for us when I was at St. Vs for many years ago. I'm sure he is  
probably telling the sqaure dance caller what needs to do in heaven.  
You are all so lucky to have him and I hope your memories will fill  
the achs in your hearts.##imported-begin##Ellen Black##imported-  
end##*

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of my cousin Norb.##imported-begin##Gary & Ruthann Kroeger gkroeger2@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Connie and Family,*

*Heavens gates opened wide and the angels along with the leader your brother REJOYCED as your dad entered. Our prayers are with you and your famliy at this time. The memories of your dad must be WOW!!!*

*Love and Prayers,*

*Maggie and Brent Reed and Family##imported-begin##Maggie and Brent Reed mreed@mvcds.org##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Metzger Family,

*I just learned of Norb's passing.*

*The obituary is so right -- heaven got a great one.*

*In the hundreds of days that I would see Norb when he helped us at St. V's, he always had a smile and a happy word. Never a complaint -- even when we made utterly ridiculous requests. I remember him dropping off work at my home at 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.*

*If I had to pick only two words to describe Norb, it would be "kind" and "cheerful."*

*Not big dramatic words -- but SO evocative of Norb, and two qualities that are so important and we are so in need of.*

*You have no idea how fondly I think of my days in Toledo -- and what an integral part Norb and "the boys" play in those memories.*

*He was a dear friend and an inspiration, with his "no problem" attitude and energy.*

*Norb, if you're listening -- you were one-of-a-kind and you made a profound impact on so many lives.*

*To Norb's family -- thank you for sharing him with us for all these years. I will be with you in spirit (Im out in CT now).*

*Love,*

*Kathy Lewton###imported-begin###Kathy Lewton###imported-end##*

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“ can't be there in person, but my thoughts andf prayers are with you and yours.

*Never sure what the right words are at this time, but am thinkibng of all of you*

*take care*

*with love*

*Diann & Kim*

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