



Norman C. Hurlburt

March 22, 1923 - October 15, 2023

Norman Hurlburt, age 100, died peacefully on Oct. 15 2023 surrounded by his loving children.

A devoted husband, caring father, and faithful friend to many, Norman will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Norman was born March 22, 1923 to parents Gertrude and John Hurlburt who raised him and his three sisters in their South Toledo home.

Shortly after graduation from Libbey High School, Norman was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He served mainly stateside in Fort Dix New Jersey before returning to Toledo when the war ended.

In 1950 he joined the Toledo Fire Department, becoming a second-generation Toledo Firefighter. Throughout his 34-year career he worked at several stations and many times answered the call including during the Tiedtke's department store fire in May 1975.

On a cold January day in 1953 he married the love of his life Frances Novak and together they raised their five children; Susan, John, David, Kathy, and Nancy in their South Toledo home.

Health and fitness was a philosophy he continuously maintained and Norman spent countless hours jogging, walking, swimming, and cycling throughout his life. Age was never a barrier to anything he felt passionate about, especially when it came to riding his bicycle on the trail near his home in Monclova Township, something he did frequently until just months ago.

He loved to fish and filled many coolers with walleye and perch from Lake

Erie, even dropping his lines though the thick ice. He was also an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling in his retirement, including trips to Europe. Norman was preceded in death by his wife Frances, and his three sisters. He is survived by his five children, Susan (Mike) Smith, John Hulburt, David Hulburt, Kathy (Kyle) Comley, Nancy (Jim) Gagnet, and six grandchildren. Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Wednesday, October 18 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. A last alarm service will be held at 6:30, followed by a Scripture Service at 7:00. The funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee, Ohio. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials may be given to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation in memory of Norman Hurlburt. To donate online visit [Get Outside Yourself | Metroparks Toledo](https://metroparkstoledo.com/) <<https://metroparkstoledo.com/>> or mail donations to 5100 W. Central Ave. Toledo, Oh 43615. Please view Norman's video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

OCT 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph (Maumee)
104 West Broadway Street
Maumee, OH 43537

Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I always looked forward to see Norm come into 5 pm Mass at St. Joes, Maumee. Always had a smile and a good word. My condolences to his family. Rest in peace Norm.

Ken Mason - October 22, 2023 at 05:36 PM

KG

“ Kathy Greene lit a candle in memory of Norman C. Hurlburt



kathy Greene - October 20, 2023 at 03:46 PM

KG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and John and their siblings. I will miss listening to Norm's stories, seeing him walk or ride his bike around Waterside or see him at Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's with Nancy and family. It was wonderful getting to know you Norm and having you as a neighbor and friend. Our hearts are broken yet are full from knowing you. 💔🙏❤️

kathy Greene - October 20, 2023 at 03:45 PM

VB

“ So sorry to hear. I was very fond of Norm. What a good guy.

Vava Buitenkant - October 19, 2023 at 02:19 PM

LN

“ As a child, whenever a fire truck went by, I would say "There goes Uncle Norm!". Sending my prayers and deepest condolences to my cousins, Susan, John, David, Cathy, and Nancy. He was a remarkable man.

Larry Novak - October 18, 2023 at 08:21 PM

RJ

“ I will always have fond memories of Norm, as I became acquainted with him thru my parents, Ed & Dorothy Romp, many years ago! I saw him this summer when my Mom & I rode bikes to his house, and was always amazed how healthy he was, and how sharp his mind was!! I will miss seeing him on the bikes trails, and him asking about my sons fishing!! He was an amazing man!

Robin Johnson - October 18, 2023 at 02:18 PM

CG

“ I was lucky enough to have a nice conversation with Norman recently. His zest for life and positive outlook was a model for us to follow. Our condolences to his family for the loss of a wonderful man.

Cathy Gagnet - October 18, 2023 at 10:01 AM

CG

“ Cathy G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman C. Hurlburt.

Cathy G. - October 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman C. Hurlburt.*



October 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to Sue, John, and all of Mr. Hurlburt's family and friends. He was a remarkable guy, for sure.*

John Grady - October 18, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norman C. Hurlburt.*

October 17, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - October 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM

DN

“ Norm was a friend and neighbor of ours at Waterside. He was loved by all who knew him. You could sit and visit with him for hours at a time just listening to his many stories. What an awesome person he was! He will be truly missed, each day walking or riding his bicycle and visiting all of us that loved him. Dan & Connie Nocleg

Dan Connie Nocleg - October 17, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ Our hearts are broken. I can't imagine our world without him. He was a special Uncle. We loved taking him places. We would take him out to lunch and just enjoy his company. We took him to Libbey High School, right before they were going to tear it down. Boy he had us all over the school and out walked us over the whole place. My husband graduated from there also, but Uncle Norman knew area's that he had never knew about. We took him to Teen Town and Libbey Reunion one time. He knew more people than Mark knew. Everyone just flocked around him and listened to his stories and of course LOVED him. He always wanted to know how we were doing and was interested in what our son, Joseph was up to. We will forever be at a loss and Uncle Norman will be in our hearts forever. Say "Hi" to Mom for me. Love you always. Love Patti, Mark, Joseph Marek.

Patti Mefferd - October 17, 2023 at 10:23 AM

TL

“ Tom Lau lit a candle in memory of Norman C. Hurlburt



Tom Lau - October 16, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman C. Hurlburt.*



October 16, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Was sorry to hear of Norm's passing today. Norm was our neighbor from our time in South Toledo. His kids were our babysitters, they were always available to lend a helping hand. Norm truly taught us a true sense of community. Norm always had a smile on his face and had an unmatched passion for biking. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Philip Baranski Jr - October 16, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. James E. Comley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman C. Hurlburt.*



Mr. & Mrs. James E. Comley - October 16, 2023 at 05:05 PM