



Norman J. Okuley

April 21, 1947 - March 1, 2011

Norman Joseph Okuley, born April 21, 1947, left this life on March 1, 2011. He died in St. Luke's ICU after a short severe respiratory failure. Norman, Norm, Normie was an awe-inspiring man by size at first sight and then by his character as you came to know him. His core identity always remained that of a Holgate Henry County farm boy. What that meant to Norm was a collection of values and experiences that included, above all, honesty and integrity. With those in place he pursued a readiness to work hard, respect of people, fairness, and a devoted loyalty to family, friends, and employers. Norm was truly a man of his word to the very minute and penny and all these attributes were displayed with the kindness or firmness needed. But what will probably remain most prominent in our memories of Norman was his most unique and exquisite sense of playfulness and humor unless a serious situation blocked it. Norm was playful, teasing, jokester whose smile and repartee was worth a ticket. There was always a small boy in Norm's adult body.

Norm was the son of Donald and Marcella Okuley. He grew up outside of Holgate, Ohio on the family farm. Norm was the oldest of 3 boys. He has loved and respected his brothers Dennis and Roger through the years. His parents taught him many valuable lesson about life and he secretly remained a "mamma's boy".

Norm graduated from Holgate High School in 1965 and attended BGSU. It

was in Toledo that he met his life long best friend and deceived her into marrying him, promising that he would be quiet and well behaved. Dorothy Clements and Norman were married February 5, 1972. Their extraordinary friendship and marriage continued until his last breath.

Norm began work at ARCO and HFC and then went into the banking business where his integrity and attention to financial detail was well placed. For 20 years he proudly served First Federal Bank and made life long friends. He was devastated and mortified at the fall of First Federal. Good fortune befell Norm and Dr. Clark Weidaw when he went on to be Dr. Weidaw's office manager and beloved friend. In recent years, Norm worked for Metamora Bank and Signature Bank.

We hope that Norm's joy and love of life will live on through those who have enjoyed his special life.

Norm is survived by his wife, Dorothy, father, Donald Okuley, brothers, Roger (Kay) and Dennis (Deborah) Okuley along with a number of nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his mom, Marcella Okuley.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road Friday 2-5 p.m. and 6:30 thru 8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Saturday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of a contribution to American Heart Association or the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Our hearts are broken. While we will miss Norm dearly we are sure he is entertaining angels and saints in heaven. We will never forget him and Dorothy we hold you in our prayers and in our hearts. love, Karen and Jerry###imported-begin##Karen and Jerry Jankowski###imported-end##

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“ We live in Metamora Oh. I had the privilege of knowing Norm when he became a member of Metamora State Bank. When ever I would have business at the bank I would make a point to stop at Norm's office for a short chat if he was not busy. I learned that in talking to him he loved his family and he loved his upbringing I was very saddened to read Norm's obituary this morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.###imported-begin##Mr. Mrs.. David Snyder dastar1@embarqmail.com###imported-end##

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“ It is with deepest sorrow that I write this little note after hearing of the passing on Norm. He was and always will be a GREAT MAN to all of us "BUMS" Norm - It was a pleasure have you as a brother of ours at the cabin. You will be missed FATHER NORM - BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!!###imported-begin##THE BUMS###imported-end##

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“ We were extremely saddened to learn of Norm's passing. He will be greatly missed. We have a lot of great memories from the many years of knowing Norm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy and the family.##imported-begin##Larry & Susan Kosakowski lkosakowski@homesavings.com##imported-end##

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“ I was shocked and saddened by the news of Norm's passing. What a neat guy. We would talk on occasion because of our mutual careers in banking, exchanging ideas and opinions. Smart man. He'll be missed...
Dorothy, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rich Fojtik##imported-begin##Rich Fojtik
rfojtik@blissfieldstate.com##imported-end##

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“ DEAR DOROTHY-MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON NORMIE'S DEATH. HE IS A TREASURED FRIEND AND I WILL ALWAYS HAVE SUCH FOND,FUN MEMORIES. I KNOW HE AND ANDY ARE GETTING INTO TROUBLE TOGETHER ALREADY. LOVE AND PRAYERS, CATHY WISMER RICE "WIZZY", NOW IN CINCINNATI,OHIO##imported-begin##CATHY WISMER RICE(WIZZY) NANEERICE@HOTMAIL.COM##imported-end##

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“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS SAD
TIME.
I WORKED WITH NORM AT FIRST FEDERAL.
HE WAS A GREAT GUY.
SINCERELY,
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barczyk@directionscu.org###imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy and her family at this difficult
time. Norm had the best personality and sense of humor, he could
always make you laugh. He will be greatly missed.###imported-
begin##Bob & Mary Lou Tadayesky cakelady2748@buckeye-expre
ss.com###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences at the loss of your husband.
I realize this is a difficult time for you and your family, but I just
wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and
prayers.###imported-begin##John P. Collier
jpcollier@netzero.com###imported-end##

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“ Denny & Deb and all your family have Joyce and My deepest
condolences in your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Larry &
Joyce Plummer larrylplummer@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ Dear Dorothy--

Life can certainly change drastically in a matter of moments. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Norm. I was very moved by Al's reaction when I told him. I know he always enjoyed being in Norm's company.

At Weidaw/Perez family functions you both always impressed me as a very classy couple who could have fun but always showed a great deal of respect for each other. I've admired you for that over the years.

Your strong love, great memories, and loyal friends will surely help you through this trying time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Al and Janet Perez###imported-begin##Al and Janet Perez###imported-end##

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“ Dear Dennis, Deb and Family,

We were so very sorry to hear of Norman's passing. Please know that you and your entire family are in our prayers.

Love,

Ralph and Denise###imported-begin##Ralph and Denise Urrutia den urr2002@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ Dorthy,

We are so sorry for you loss! Norm will be remembered as a loving, caring, funny person and the life of the party! We will always rmember the great times we shared with him and his quick wit! You and your family are in our prayers.

Love, Don & Barb##imported-begin##Don & Barb Skivers baskivers@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Norm and I were friends eons ago at BGSU and I was very sad to read of his passing. My condolences to Dorothy and the rest of his family. The world has lost a truly nice guy.##imported-begin##Judy Schoenrock Kistler##imported-end##

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“ Dorothy, I was very saddened to learn of Norm's passing. He will surely be missed. I worked with him at First Federal S&L. He was a lot of fun to work with and always a kidder. I will keep you and Norm in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy Matz kmmatz@frontier.com##imported-end##

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“ Dorothy, Don, Dennis and Roger you have my deepest condolences on the sudden passing of Norman. I pray the Lord comforts you in your time of sorrow. Norman and all of you will be in my prayers.

*Kelly Stant
(Daughter of Ken and Jeanette Okuley)*###imported-begin###Kelly Stant###imported-end###

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“ May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you.
Norm was a wonderful person. He showed respect for everyone. I too, was employed at First Federal in the Accounting Dept. Always enjoyed talking with Norm. I will keep him in my prayers.
Terry Bertka###imported-begin###Terry Bertka###imported-end###

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“ Was so very sorry to read of Norm's passing. He was a super person and fun classmate.

*With sympathy,
John and Barb (Reiter) Fritz*###imported-begin###John and Barb Fritz###imported-end###

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“ Dorothy,
May your time and memories be cherished. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sadness.

Harlan Billow
Scientific Products###imported-begin###Harlan Billow###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had not seen Norm for awhile, but I remember him in school and he was truly a special guy. I graduated with Roger, and I remember Norm as a big brother. He will be missed by many, but the wonderful memories will last forever. God bless you all.###imported-begin###Chris (Kuhlman) Ricica chrisricica@remax.net###imported-end##

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“ Dear Dorothy,
We were so saddened and shocked to learn of Norm's death . We have been out of town for 5 weeks and just returned home yesterday.

Norm was such a unique person, one that someone will never forget. His humor was constant but with such a wit and dare about him. We will miss him and his great smile and his ability to make everyone feel comfortable.

You have our deepest sympathy .

Don and Donna Doneff###imported-begin###Don and Donna Doneff ddoneff@sbcglobal.net###imported-end##

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“ *Stormin Norman will be truly missed, what a great guy with a sense of humor to always make you laugh. I know he is still laughing (with Andy - I can hear them!). Prayers go out to his family and friends as they deal with the loss.##imported-begin##Molly McHugh Branyan molly@danberry.com##imported-end##*

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