



William Norman

March 18, 1952 - January 14, 2021

William Norman was born on March 18, in Roper, North Carolina to Annie Mae Norman and Fredrick Downing.

William departed this life on Thursday January 14, 2021 in his home in Greenwood, Delaware. William graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, North Carolina, in 1971. After graduating, William relocated to Greenwood, Delaware. He was employed by Delaware/Penn Fiber in Greenwood, Delaware retiring after 40 years of service.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Annie Mae Norman- Polk and Fredrick Downing; stepfather, George F. Polk, Sr.; maternal grandparents, Isaac Burnette and Lucile Norman; paternal grandparents, Milton Ed and Ella Jane Downing; aunt and uncle, Mildred and Robert Lee; grandson, Jermaine Griffin, Jr.; and sister, Carolyn Wilson of New York.

William leaves to cherish his memories, one son, Shedrick "Ricky" Rayford Sr. Seaford, DE; three daughters, Keisha Watkins and Crystal Watkins Seaford, DE and Tish Weal-Posy (Sidney) Providence, Rhode Island; 11 grand children, Shedrick Rayford Jr., Tanye' Hopkins, Blaize Rayford, Carleah Rayford, Amelia Knestaut, Kenya Watkins, Jevonte Watkins, Jermiesha Watkins, N'dea Rayford, Evan Posy and Ethan Posy; one great grandson, Tre'kell Hopkins; two sisters, Luceal Chesson (Elbert) Roper, North Carolina

and Alice Norman Plymouth, North Carolina; four stepsisters, Deborah Polk-Peacock Richmond Hill, GA, Kimberly Polk-Johnson Lincoln, DE, Karen Polk-Gibbs Bridgeville, DE and Lisa Polk-Sylvain Felton, DE; one special nephew, Roy Chesson of Saginaw, Michigan; three special cousins, Bernard Hill of Greenville, North Carolina, Patricia Norman Stafford, VA and Evelyn Norman Hyattsville, MD, Deadra Bivens Townsend, DE, who was like a daughter to him; special friends: Sherwood Craig Davis, Bruce Hudson, Christine Spady, Grace Mills, Deborah Jackson, George Marshall and Preston Grace; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of William Norman. I considered him to be a friend. I've been serving him meals with Meals on Wheels for Greenwood Cheer Center for a number of years. It was such a pleasure to meet him every Wednesday; always seemed glad to see me and always was so pleasant. We shared some good conversations and I will surely miss him. Praying God will bless you, his family, with His Peace, Comfort and Healing. ~Bob Gehman

Robert Gehman - February 18, 2021 at 07:50 PM

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“ I love you so much, I promise to keep making you proud. Love Neat and Baby Ivy

Kenita Speller - January 30, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Family. William was my classmate and my husband's (Michael Hill) first cousin. I used to get them mixed up when I first met them. They both played football and when in uniform they looked like twins. I learned their jersey numbers fast. Although I hadn't seen him since we graduated, I always knew about him through the Downing Family and his sister Luceal. Rest In Peace William. God's continued Blessings to the Family. Glenda Lamberson-Hill

Glenda Lamberson-Hill - January 30, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ I love you . Pooh, Maesyn & Karter

Kenisha Speller - January 30, 2021 at 10:38 AM

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“ *William Norman*” will remain in our hearts forever.

Patricia, Evelyn, John, and Sharice - January 28, 2021 at 05:13 PM