



Robert J Norman

February 28, 1955 - March 26, 2015

“I have been blessed to watch my children excel in so many ways. My children and my wife have been my guiding light and my inspiration. I will always love you.” Dad

Bob was born in Spokane, WA, on February 28th 1955 to Max and Norma Norman. He was the youngest of three boys. Brothers Terry and Michael, along with Bob, grew up in the Shadle Park area playing sports and making lifelong friends. Bob attended Ridgeview Elementary, Salk Junior High, and graduated from Shadle Park High School in 1973. He was also a member of Boy Scout Troop 115 and earned the highest award of Eagle Scout in 1973, an award achieved by only 4% of all Scouts. Bob began working right out of high school for a concrete precast company. He helped make many of the concrete ornamental pieces for the Expo 74 World's Fair. Many of these pieces can still be seen throughout downtown Spokane today. Over the next few years, Bob became interested in aviation by taking flying lessons. As it turned out, he would spend his professional career as an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Administration, a career that began in Memphis, TN. Other career stops included Seattle, WA, Moses Lake, WA, and eventually back to Spokane. Bob had a long and rewarding air traffic career. His career positions included Staff Specialist, Operations Supervisor, Facility Manager, and Operations Manager. Bob retired in 2008 from the FAA, but continued his career as an air traffic instructor until 2012. Bob was a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Spokane, and met his future wife, Linda, through a

mutual friend of this organization. He and Linda later got married on the 4th of July, 1997. They spent the next few years volunteering and coaching softball and soccer in Moses Lake, Spokane, and Cheney WA. Bob has called Cheney home since 2005 where his two youngest children, Makenzie and Matthew, attend Cheney High and Cheney Middle School. Bob's oldest daughter Jenny, who resides in Spokane, is married to Jeremy and they have a wonderful son, Caleb. Now, the Lord has called Bob to His Kingdom though we are not ready for him to go, we will cherish our memories until the day we may join him. Bob passed away March 26 2015 after a long battle with cancer. Services will be at Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane on Thursday April 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Mausoleum.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ My deepest sympathies go out to you Linda, and the children, Jennifer, Makenzie, and Matthew in your time of loss. I worked with and for Bob many years during his time at GEG ATCT and although we lost touch as Air Traffic Controllers seem to do after retirement, I'll always remember Bob as one of the most dedicated individuals in the ATC profession I've ever had the privilege to work with. Over 20 years ago, while Bob and I were still single, we took what would end up being one of the most memorable vacations I've ever had in my life. A trip to Hawaii that had so many things go wrong for us that it could bring one to tears, yet years later, we would always get a good laugh at how comical the whole trip was for the two of us, I'll never forget. May our loving Savior who died that we might have eternal life be with you through this time of loss and bring you the comfort of knowing that one day, you will all be together again. God bless you all, Steve

Steve Reed - April 01, 2015 at 04:31 PM

SR

“ He fought the good fight. My condolences to all those who love him. He made a difference in all the lives he touched. He was a great man and will be missed.

Sharon Ritchie - March 31, 2015 at 10:50 AM

JT

“ Bob was a blessing to our family. He was always so generous with his love and hospitality. I was always so proud of the great person he was. We loved to share aviation stories together. He was loved by all!!!

James R Tefft - March 30, 2015 at 05:57 PM

DM

“ Our sympathies go out to the entire family. Our prayers are with you. Dave, Trudy, Rachel, Abi, Josh

David Millet - March 30, 2015 at 12:41 PM

RH

“ Rest in peace Bob. Glad to have you as a Highlander.

Robert E Holland - March 29, 2015 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ On our life's journey we may forget the one to whom we have casually waved. We will never forget the one for whom we now weep. Bob was ALWAYS so special, so special to me! Kind, funny...compassionate, deep-- sensitive..empathetic and more. It is with a very sad heavy heart I say; "if I could change it I would". There is no comfort for the loss of Bob. I am one WITH you in broken heart. My deepest sympathies. I am so sorry.

Marla Dee Miller - March 29, 2015 at 06:06 PM