



Norm Bocker

May 9, 1931 - September 7, 2016

Carl Norman "Norm" Bocker age 85 passed away early Wednesday, September 07, 2016 in Wildwood, Florida. Norm was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and moved to The Villages, Florida in 2000 from Newago, Michigan, after his retirement from the Steelcase Company where he was a Tool and Die maker for over 26 years. Norm was a proud Army veteran who served in the Korean War, discharged as a Corporal Technician earning an Occupational Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. He held life memberships with the American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8083 in Belleview, Florida, and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Norm was known by those closest to him for his open friendliness, and his big heart. He was always a person who would step up to help someone in need. He also loved building and fixing things and he was happiest when he was spending time in his workshop. His mechanical background made him a jack of all trades and there was no project that he was afraid to take on. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and at one time he collected antique tractors when he lived in Michigan, accumulating a total of 16 at one time. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferdinand Bocker and Lucille Keller, and brother Raymond Bocker. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years Geri; brother – Ken Bocker of Pierson, MI; sister – Carol Warner of Wayland, MI; step-children – Dr. Richard Held II (Julie) of Harbor Hills, FL; and Robin (Steve) O'Dette of Rockford, MI; nephews – Dan Bocker of Washington State; Tom Bocker of Newago, MI; Scott Bocker of Colorado; Matt Warner of Wayland, MI; and Andy Warner of Middleville, MI; nieces – Deb Deloof of Middleville, MI; and Kim Shottcock of Cedar Springs, MI; and 6 grandchildren - Jake, Gabrielle, Kennedy and Thomas O'Dette and Alexandra and Brendan Held. Memorial Contributions in Norm's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers.

An Inurnment Service with military honors is planned for 1:00 P. M. Wednesday – September 14, 2016 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted with all arrangements.

Cemetery

Events

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL, 33513

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Graveside Ceremony 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Love, Matt & Tracey Warner purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Norm Bocker.



Love, Matt & Tracey Warner - September 13, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ Norm was my friendly neighbor since 2004. He always helped with any project & provide any tools necessary to do the job. He was an old car guy & loved seeing my T- Birds. He will be missed but not forgotten Ralph & Nancy Cowell The Villages Fl.

Ralph Cowell - September 12, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ Norm made me a better man as my scoutmaster of troop 261 in Grand Rapids, MI. He and his father Fred mentored many boys from the 50's and 60's. Norm held the scoutmaster key, St. George award, Vigil member of the OA, and Silver Beaver. So sorry to hear of his passing.

David Hansen - September 11, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ Geri, I am saddened by Norm's death. He was a good friend and added so much to our Friday evening gatherings. Please know That I will always be here for you and may God comfort you in your sorrow. Shirley Boothroyd

Shirley Boothroyd - September 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Geri - You are in my thoughts, prayers and heart at this sad time. Even though I did not know Norm, he sounds like my kind of person - collecting old tractors!!!! Anyone who collects "old" things is A-OK in my book!!!!
Please know that if there is anything I can do to help during this time - let me know. Thinking of you and your family now.

Susan Bossardet - September 09, 2016 at 03:56 PM