



Norman G. Albert

December 31, 1926 - March 7, 2023

SHIRLEY – Norman G. Albert, 96 years old and a lifelong resident of Shirley, passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Born on December 31, 1926, Norman was the son of the late Dominique and Marie (Joyal) Albert. He was a graduate of Stevens Business College in Fitchburg. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Division, during World War II, with duty in the North Pacific in China. After his discharge, he was employed with the Standard Pyroxoloid Corp. for 12 years where he rose to the position of Assistant General Manager. In 1951, Norman married Jeanette “Jan” Clouthier of Fitchburg who passed away on March 12, 2017, after 67 years together. He, with his father, built a home on Page Street in Shirley where they raised their 3 daughters. He later worked for the Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Shirley as the Fiscal Manager and retired in 1981.

In 1983, he became a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Leominster; he served as head Elder for 5 years, Treasurer for 15 years; chairman of the Finance Committee for 15 years, and Sabbath School Teacher for 10 years. He served in several positions in Shirley including as a selectman for 12 years from 1967 to 1978. He was chairman of the Committee to restore plaques that honored those who lost their lives in World War I. In addition, he was Chairman of the War Memorial Building Renovation

Committee. He was Commander of the American Legion, Post 183 in 1961, a member of the China Marine Association, and a member of the Marine Corps League. He wrote 2 books: "From a Boot to China Marine" and "United States Marine Corps Respect and Recognition."

Norman is lovingly survived by his daughters, Sharon Slarsky, Sandra Pereira, and Janis Albert; seven grandchildren, Suzanne Slarsky Dael, Emily Richardella, Leanna Slarsky, Bryan Boucher, Alison Greer, Jeffrey Lambert, and Julie Lambert; eleven great-grandchildren, Sofia and Madelyn Richardella, Jackson, Nicholas, and Magnolia Greer, Rebekka and William Dael, Ian and Andrew LeFevre, David Lambert, and Evelyn Sharples.

There will be no calling hours. A funeral service will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Leominster on Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 AM. A graveside service will be planned for April.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Norman's memory to the Cancer Fund at www.cancerfund.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Anderson Funeral Homes, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, MA. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Leominster Seventh Day Adventist Church

445 Union Street

Leominster, MA 01453

<https://www.leominstersdachurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

TR

“ So sad to see Norm go, I for one was hoping he'd get to see 100. But he accomplished and contributed to society more than some people half his age, and until days before his passing had the mental acuity to keep "doing." I started getting to know Norman during our time on the War Memorial Building Board of Trustees. I (and the rest of the trustees) were already fighting somewhat of an uphill battle to maintain the building's honor, condition and even presence in the community, and when he came on board after my first or second year, our strong resolve seemed to double with his commitment. We met our goals of updating a lot of the building, and he and I shared many non-WMBT conversations about faith, family, travels, and experiences, even visiting him and Jan at home several times, bringing them banana bread or cookies, even after Jan passed. I am honored both to have autographed copies of Youhouse's books, as well as to have been allowed a visit in the last few weeks when he was not well. When I finished my 6th year on the Board, he continued on for a few years until he called me, asking again if I'd come back to take a vacant non-veteran spot on the board. I'm glad I said yes, as it gave me a chance to see him more often these last two years. His determination to appropriately honor all veterans, through his efforts at the War Memorial Building in Shirley as well as through the Shirley Veterans Events committee, gave him excellent purpose -outside of his love for his wonderful family, and more recently cribbage tournaments. I will regret not making/having time for my husband Matt and I to play in the Thursday cribbage games with him. Until he passed, Norm was one of only two living WWI veterans here in Shirley. I am so very thankful to God for sending Norman when He did, to fight for us and our country. He was a guy you'd want fighting for you. I'm thankful for his daughters and their families for taking such good care of him; your care and love and devotion to him is testament to what an excellent man he was. I wish you peace, healing, and many wonderful memories of your Dad/grandpere to comfort you.

tmlr Richards - March 30, 2023 at 04:40 PM

TR

oops WWII, I knew that.

tmlr Richards - March 30, 2023 at 04:50 PM

KJ

“ *Sharon, Sandra & Janis, Condolences on the loss of your father. Thoughts and prayers for you and your families during this difficult time.*

Karen

Karen Januskiewicz - March 15, 2023 at 10:32 PM

KD

“ *Kelley D lit a candle in memory of Norman G. Albert*



Kelley D - March 13, 2023 at 11:17 PM

KD

I am sorry to hear about the passing of this kind and generous man. It is clear that he lived a life dedicated to serving others, particularly those in need.

What stands out to me the most about him is his humility. Despite his many accomplishments, he never boasted or bragged about them. Instead, he chose to focus on the needs of others, especially those who were less fortunate. He was a true embodiment of selflessness.

One of the things that he shared with me was his commitment to helping widows in Shirley. It's heartwarming to hear that he wanted to honor his late wife by continuing the work she had started. This is a testament to the love and devotion he had for her, and to his own compassionate nature.

It's clear that Norman touched many lives with his kindness and generosity. His legacy will live on through the lives he touched and the good work he did. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit of kindness and generosity will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Kelley D - March 13, 2023 at 11:19 PM

TD

“ *My wife and I send our condolences for the loss of Norm. We will remember him with tremendous admiration of his life dedicated to service to the community and to the United States of America. Getting to know him as a member of the War Memorial Building Trustees has been an honor, he will be missed by so many in Shirley. Tris and Gloria Darby*

Tris Darby - March 13, 2023 at 10:17 AM

DS

“ *Sharon, Sandra, Janice & all family, I am sending my condolences for the passing of your loved one. I waited on Norman & Jan for many years back in the 70's & 80's at the Piccolino.*

Denise Stepleton - March 11, 2023 at 02:02 PM

DL

“ Sharon, Sandra, Janice and families. So sorry to hear of Norm's passing. I've known you for nearly my entire life and my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.

David A Lambert - March 10, 2023 at 12:27 PM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you thru this difficult time.

Tiny'sRestaurant/The Mauro Family

Sharon Mauro - March 09, 2023 at 08:05 PM