



Norman L. Lacer

February 2, 1946 - October 11, 2020

Norman L. Lacer, 74, of Forest City passed away at 9:24 A.M. Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Graham Hospital in Canton. He was born February 2, 1946 in Kansas City, MO. the son of Glen and Addie Fox Lacer. He married Judy Woiwode on February 26, 1988 in Morris, IL. and she survives. He has five children Camille (Luis) Sanabria of Odessa, FL., Douglas (Andria) Lord of Forest City, Gregory E. (Mickie) Lacer Sr. of Arvada, CO., Branden (Natalie) Lacer of Grant Park, IL. and Jeremy (Stacy) Lacer of Manteno, IL. There are fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother-in-law Dick (Sally) Woiwode of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Norm was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was very active in sports. He coached his sons little league baseball games; he was an avid bowler and baseball player. Norm was active in community affairs. He was a member of the Manito-Forest City Rotary Club having served as their president, vice president, and treasure; served on the Forest City Village board for ten years; member of the Mason Co. 911 Board; member of the Manito American Legion Post #561; lifelong member of the Havana VFW Post 6408; was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam Wall to Manito in 2010; and co-chaired the Forest City Sesquicentennial. Norm served proudly with the U.S. Army 2nd Bat. 94th Field Artillery during the Vietnam War with one year of duty in Vietnam. Norm retired from Caterpillar in Joliet in 1999 after 33 years of service as a machine instructor. After moving

to Forest City he enjoyed driving a school bus transporting kids to school for nine years.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 A.M. Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Manito. There will no visitation. Internment of his cremains will be at St. Frederick's Cemetery in Manito. Military honors from the Manito American Legion, Havana America Legion and the Havana VFW Posts will follow.

Memorials in his honor may be given to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or to the Forman Ambulance. To post on online condolence go to www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Cemetery

498 W. State St.
Manito, IL 61546

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
501 S. Adams St.
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman L. Lacer*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.*



October 18, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *The Batbusters purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norman L. Lacer.*



The Batbusters - October 18, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.*



October 17, 2020 at 10:44 AM

AI

“ AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. - October 16, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TT

“ The Panduit Customer Experience Team purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



The Panduit Customer Experience Team - October 14, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DA

“ Deepest sincerity, your Friends and Family at ATS purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



Deepest sincerity, your Friends and Family at ATS - October 14, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



October 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



October 13, 2020 at 03:22 PM

GF

“Gentle Giant, though he was tall the reference is more to the person and man. In our youth we may not realize life is short but through the years with life’s ups and downs, it is truly a blessing to meet and count as a friend a man such as Norm: he was a Blessing. To be blessed with his friendship, I am thankful to God our paths crossed. Though my heart aches at his passing, I know he is now doing the same thing in Heaven he did while here on earth, bringing smiles to those he meets.

Norm and I were not life-long friends, though he instantly made one fell like a life-long friend. We were Brothers but not in the biblical sense. We had shared experiences, service to our Country in an unpopular War.

We proudly served in the 2nd Battalion 94th Artillery in Vietnam, a Battalion that served with distinction. It was through the Brotherhood of the Battalion’s Annual Reunion that Norm and I would meet five years ago: instant bonding. Norm was an original member of the Battalion when it deployed to Vietnam in the Fall of 1966. He traversed the Ocean by ship with all the other men of the 2nd 94th Artillery and their equipment.

I arrived three years later by plane and was assigned to the 2nd 94th. However, to Norm and all the other Brothers of the 2nd 94th it was if we all served side by side. Though our service was not physically in the same year, it was a mental service with shared experiences that forever bond the men of the 2nd 94th. So today we share Judy’s loss but realize Heaven’s gain with Norm bringing smiles to Friends and Relatives, and also Brothers of the 2nd 94th Artillery who greet him at the end of his Journey. Rest in Peace.

Gerald Forsythe, C Btry 2nd 94th Arty 1969-1970



Gerald Forsythe - October 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.*



October 13, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Norm's passing. He was such a wonderful man! We know you will all miss him greatly. May God comfort you in the days ahead.*

Sandy and Roy Johnson - October 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman L. Lacer.*



October 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Norm was the kindest, nicest person we met when we first started going to the reunions. He will be sadly missed. Rest In Peace my Brother!*

Bob Whaley - October 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM

RM

“ Robert & Jerlene McClain lit a candle in memory of Norman L. Lacer



Robert & Jerlene McClain - October 13, 2020 at 10:37 AM

BW

“ Bob and Brenda Whaley purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Norman L. Lacer.



Bob and Brenda Whaley - October 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM

LW

“ Your all in my prayers. I loved working with him at the bus barn.

Lori Wolfe - October 13, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LH

“ Larry And Tootie Hundt lit a candle in memory of Norman L. Lacer



Larry and Tootie Hundt - October 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JL

“ *He is my soulmate and I cannot imagine my life without him*



Judy Lacer - October 13, 2020 at 07:21 AM

TI

“ *Rest easy now Norm, I will miss you and that smile you gave even on what I knew were some tough days. Judy and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Tiff - October 12, 2020 at 07:13 PM