



Norman Donald Beal

July 2, 1945 - November 12, 2020

ADRIAN – Norman Donald Beal, age 75, of Adrian, passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at Toledo Hospital with his loving wife by his side.

Norm was born on July 2, 1945, the only son of Donald and Laura (Frisbee) Beal in Addison, MI. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1963. On July 14, 1967, Norm married the love of his life, Diane Kirkingburg, in Hillsdale County; and they have shared and created memories together for 53 years.

Norm worked at Johnson Controls in the Plastics Division as the Director of their IT department, retiring in 1994. He was a member of Turning Point Church in Adrian. Norm was a talented master artisan in such areas as blacksmithing, coppersmithing, tinsmithing and woodworking. He was commissioned by Greenfield Village to refurbish the Flying Dragon that is displayed on their grounds.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; sons, Todd Beal of Blissfield and Ryan (Kimberly) Beal of Adrian; grandsons, Wyatt and Parker Beal; sister, Martha (Jim) Rediger and stepfather, Rev. Max Masters. Norm was preceded in death by his son, Brent, parents, and sister, Ellen Beal.

Funeral Services for Norman will be private. A recording of the graveside service is available at this link: <https://youtu.be/qrT4YlvUdxg>

A Memorial Celebration of Life will be held in the Summer of 2021. Memorial contributions may be made to Turning Point Church for the Norman Beal Memorial Fund. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Donald Beal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Donald Beal.*



December 03, 2020 at 02:09 AM



“ *The wife & I met Norm at an auction 30 years ago. We were both bidding on a tin machine and Norm wanted it worse than I did and he won the bid. Norm told us he had back surgery and wouldn't be able to load it in his truck so I sent the wife to help Norm because I was bidding on the next item. As soon as the bidding was over I went down and helped finish loading Norms Prize of the day & when it got turned over we found that the gear was broken and I ended up helping Norm repair his new treasure. And so goes the saga of Norm & Phil I also spent many hour with Norm repairing the Greenfield Village Dragon which was a major project. It was a beautiful Dragon when Norm completed the project!! We will miss Norm and all our crazy projects together*

Phil Wilson Hillsdale, MI

Philip Wilson - December 01, 2020 at 09:34 PM

RB

“ Bob and I are so saddened with the loss of Norm, he was my husband Bob's best friend for over 60 years. I am so sorry for Diane who has become a good friend to me and never judging or turning me away. We love you and the boys with all our hearts.
Robyn Bragg

Robyn D Bragg - November 23, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DB

“ Sorry to hear of Norm passing. Always enjoyed talking with him about anything, he loved talking about family, farming, tractor's, and making or building something. He will be greatly missed. Dave Bowles

David Bowles - November 18, 2020 at 02:11 PM

LS

When i was down and out i needed railing on my outside steps, Norm was there the next day and did the job 😊 Your family is always ready to help and we are very blessed at TPC for that! Sorry for your loss, I'm praying for peace and comfort for you all ❤️

Lori Schadewald - November 21, 2020 at 04:51 PM

TN

So sad to hear of Norm's passing. My condolences are extended to his family and many friends. I've know Norm since high school - over 60 years. He was a cherished friend. His talents and compassion knew no bounds. We often sat on the swing here at my family farm and exchanged ideas and remedies to fix material, personal, and world problems. He could do anything, fix anything. I will miss him.

Tom Nelson - November 24, 2020

Tom Nelson - November 25, 2020 at 03:27 PM