



## Norman Edward McGraw

November 20, 1937 - February 17, 2024

Norman E. McGraw, age 86 of Champlin, MN passed away peacefully from cardiac arrest on February 17, 2024. He was born on November 20, 1937 to Clarence and Mary (Kramarzick) McGraw. He married the love of his life, Mary Vogel, and during their 58 years of marriage, raised four children: Michael (Sally), David (Elyse), John (Aida), and Rebecca (Tony) Hudoba and welcomed grandchildren Dean and Tim Hudoba, Johan McGraw, and Isabelle McGraw. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings William McGraw, Catherine Rowan, Mary Jane Becker, and Betsy Murray and is survived by his sister Norrine Bohman.

Norm graduated from Cretin High School and the University of St. Thomas. He retired from a career in management at the Minnesota State Employment Service after 32 years of service. In addition to being involved in many committees and activities with his church and community, and volunteering with the St. Stephen's Shelter, he enjoyed going on cruises with Mary in the Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii, and Europe.

Norm was a kind and generous man who led by example. He was youthful, positive and optimistic throughout his life. He was a true friend to The League - a group of friends made in kindergarten and still together to this day - 81 years later. Family was very important to him and he was his children's and grandchildren's #1 fan.

Visitation at 11a.m. and his Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. with a luncheon to follow on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Anoka Congregational United Church of Christ of Anoka, 1923 Third Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303. Parking restrictions around church are void on date of the service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Norm's name to The Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)) or Feed My Starving Children ([fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Anoka Congregational United Church of Christ of Anoka  
1923 3rd Ave  
Anoka, MN 55303

## Church Service

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Tim M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Edward McGraw.

Tim M. - March 30, 2024 at 05:48 PM

CN

“ The loss of Norm will be felt not only by his loving family but by his longtime loyal friends who, for some, go back as many as 80 years! As a charter League member, memories of Norm are endless. Along with Mary, he took part in every celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays, even as our annual New Year's Eve party evolved into the New Year's Afternoon lunches! Norm's athletic abilities were legendary, as his teammates and competitors often recall, although due to his modest and humble manner, one would never hear it from him. He was a loyal MN Twins fan and always enjoyed sports chats and recalling a particular play or statistic from memory. Norm was a man of integrity, loyalty, kindness and caring for all, especially the poor and those in need. He will be missed not only by his family but also by his many friends and colleagues over the years. Rest in peace, Norm!  
Connie & Pat Nelson

Connie & Pat Nelson - February 24, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BW

“ Bill and Casey Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Edward McGraw.

Bill and Casey Warren - February 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM

BW

“ Bill and Casey Warren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman Edward McGraw.



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**Bill and Casey Warren** - February 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM

TO

“ The Olsen’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Edward McGraw.

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**The Olsen’s** - February 22, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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CF

“ Carrie & Jenny (DF Friends) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Edward McGraw.

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**Carrie & Jenny (DF Friends)** - February 21, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Edward McGraw.*



February 21, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman Edward McGraw.*



February 20, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ *We will all miss Norm simply because he was a wonderful person. Always genuinely interested in what was happening in your life. So many fond memories of Norm during McGraw get togethers. Very grateful for all he did for my parents after my mother's stroke. I like to think that today he is laughing and telling a story surrounded by Billy, Catherine, Mary Jane and Betsy 😊 Prayers of comfort to the Norm McGraw family. 💜*

**Chuck Rowan** - February 20, 2024 at 06:20 AM

DS

“ Norm and Mary were wonderful neighbors and friends. So many memories but one highlight was the time when we had a blizzard and we trekked through the snow down to block to spend the day with them and our families playing games and just enjoying each others company. Norm was a gentle kind man and will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to Mary and the family.

Dick and Judy Seifert - February 19, 2024 at 10:57 PM

DJ

“ Norm was, without a doubt, one of the most kind and accepting human beings we've ever known. And of course, he was the kind of neighbor most people only dream of having, and laughter was abundant whenever we spent time with him! We're so happy to have had Norm in our lives. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire McGraw family.

Debbie & Bob Jorgens - February 19, 2024 at 09:49 PM

GP

“ A gentle man with a priceless smile and warm heart! He shared his love with others and touched our lives!  
Greg & Kathy Piche’



Gewg & Kathy Piche’ - February 19, 2024 at 02:19 PM

GB

Great friend and relative. A one of kind loving person. He will be fondly remembered by all who who were blessed to have known him.

Gary and Carolyn Buhr - February 19, 2024 at 02:27 PM

GJ

*I send the deepest condolences to you and your family, Mary. You always spoke so highly of Norm. So sad.*

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**Ginny Jorgenson** - February 19, 2024 at 04:21 PM

PT

*Sending sympathy and love to the McGraw family. Norman is my first cousin. When young, the McGraw family came to our uncle and aunts' farm. My sister and two brothers and I were so happy to have our cousins visit for nearly a whole month in the summer. We enjoyed them so much.*

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**Peggy Tauer** - February 20, 2024 at 03:12 PM