



Norman Dean Mead, Jr.

December 9, 1948 - January 30, 2024

Norman Dean Mead

In loving memory of Norman Dean Mead, born on December 9, 1948, to mother Dorothy and father Dean (Norman) Mead.

Norm, or as his friends called him "Stormin," was a devoted husband to Debra Mead and father of Dana (Greg) Mead-Campion, Krista (Mike) Mead-Morley, cherished grandfather of Autumn (Ryan Fochs) Thorpe, Peyton Morley, Brawley and Reilly Campion. Honorary father to Nicholas Touros of Athens, Greece, and father and grandfather to his bonus family Beth and Dan Kellogg, and children Haley, Grant, and Cohen.

After returning from service in Vietnam, Norman married his love of 52 years and enrolled in carpentry school. Upon graduation, he began his long career as a carpenter with Ryan Companies. Norm's career grew alongside Ryan Companies and ended upon his retirement as Vice President of Construction. Throughout his career with Ryan Companies, Norm's professional accomplishments were significant, including several large projects that were cornerstones to rapid growth after Ryan expanded into the Minneapolis market and beyond. However, most importantly, he built deep, lifelong friendships with many colleagues who were always loyal and were by his side, sharing stories and laughs until the day of his passing.

Along with his commitment to his family and career, Norm had a passion for performance automobiles, competitive kart racing, Formula One, and other forms of racing. Norm was driven by excellence and competition. In later years, his expertise and meticulous attention to detail extended to designing and building model and remote control cars, trucks, and boats. In pursuit of these passions, he joined clubs and entered competitions, winning several awards and championships in those hobbies.

Norm was an avid music lover, always filling the house with tunes from all genres; as the house DJ, he curated playlists for birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. He was also an expressive storyteller, drawing the attention of those around him, and was often sought out for personal and professional advice. Those who knew him have described him as the "ambassador" and having a "huge heart for people," an "inspiration," and "a legend that will never be forgotten."

Norm accomplished all of this greatness in the face of a 40-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Diagnosed with MS at 35, Stormin faced all challenges with resilience and found countless successes in the fight. He passed away peacefully on January 30th, 2024, surrounded by his most cherished, leaving behind a legacy of love and strength, inspiring so many to be the best they can be.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 17th Washburn-McReavy in Edina MN at 2pm, with visitation one hour prior at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in memory of Norman.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Babette, Rowan and Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..

Love, Babette, Rowan and Mike - February 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

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“ Love, Babette, Rowan and Mike purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..



Love, Babette, Rowan and Mike - February 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

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“ Kent Avenue Neighbors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..



Kent Avenue Neighbors - February 13, 2024 at 05:42 PM

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“ Deborah Johnson Zuti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..

Deborah Johnson Zuti - February 09, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..*



February 09, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Dean Mead, Jr..*



February 09, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *It's difficult to describe the breadth of Norm's impact on friends and co-workers. His sincerity, knowledge, mentorship and sense of humor left many wishing they could be more like him. He was a good man.who created memories every day for those lucky enough to know him.*

John Leeper - February 02, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Norm is a Legend with a heart of gold. I really enjoyed Norm while under his management on Team 4 at Ryan Companies. Very compassionate, measured, and inspirational to all he touched. Norm will be missed!*



Kevin K. - Team 4

Kevin K - January 31, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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I loved working with Norm and I was lucky enough to be around him for many years. He faced obstacles and celebrated successes with such style and grace. His sense of humor made time fly when you were with him. He sincerely cared about you and your family and always wanted to know what fun things we were up to. Norm was the king of relevant and original analogies that he applied to every day experiences. Loved that about him too!

Gary Prinsen - February 17, 2024 at 12:06 PM