



## Norman Clement Pugh

December 11, 1926 - May 1, 2021

Norm was born on Dec 11, 1926 to parents Clem and Lizzie (Stoddard) Pugh on a farm near Summit, South Dakota. After going to country school he worked at a grain elevator and helped his Dad and other neighbors on the farm until 1943 when he went to work for the Western Union at the age of 17. At that time the Western Union covered 13 states, from Chicago to New York and Pennsylvania and Missouri, so he saw a lot of country.

In the fall of 1944 he was drafted and took his physical at Fort Snelling. From there he went to Jefferson Barracks, Mo for a short time and later to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, where he was in Infantry Replacement Training from June 18th, 1945-October 13th, 1945. The war was officially over Sept 2, 1945 but he enlisted in the reserves for another year. He left New York for La Havre, France and ended up in Germany helping with reconstruction- building bridges. Afterwards he went back to work at Western Union for a time and tried his hand at farming, but it wasn't for him. He started work on the Milwaukee Railroad May 5th, 1952 as a lineman. It was a very physical job and sometimes dangerous as well.

Shortly before leaving the Western Union in May, he ran into Marian Wohlleber at a dance. He knew her brothers and they had dated earlier, but a flame sparked and they were married in June of 1953. Marian grew up 7 miles away, but had moved to Mpls, and that is where they spent their early married

years. After a few years he was promoted to foreman and eventually Supervisor of Signal and Communications; where he traveled from Chicago to Mpls on to Montana, Washington and all points in between. He was on the road all week and Marian kept the home fires burning.

Their daughter Deb was born in Mpls in 1954 and when baby no 2 was expected they moved to St Louis Park. They had two sons, Brad and Tom, and lived in their home 62 years before moving to Westridge Retirement Community in Minnetonka.

Norm retired in 1985 when the Milwaukee Railroad merged with the Soo Line. He was 58 at the time and was offered an early retirement. He was there to help with his two grandsons, Mike and Ryan, and drove the school bus for their parochial school for five years and also worked part time for Service to Business and Industry (SBI). He helped with Dinner at the Door for 20 years, and was the church president of OWLS (Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors) and volunteered at West High School for many years. He was always happy to give rides to people at church, he was a hard worker all his life, generous, hospitable and enjoyed a good laugh- as most Irish do. Most important to him was his family and his faith. He was confirmed in 1958 and a member of Timothy Lutheran Church since 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Marian, his children Deb and husband Mike Meade, Brad and wife Cathy Pugh, Tom and wife Wanda Pugh. He had 7 grandchildren Ryan Conlon, Mike Conlon, Shawn Meade, Jenny Meade, Amber Benson, Jessica Swaim and Vadim Pugh, 9 great-grandchildren, and sisters Maxine Owen and Iva Lowe, both living in Watertown S.D. He also has many nieces and nephews that loved him. His parents, one sister and three brothers, as well as his son in law preceded him in death.

For those wishing to watch it live please click on the link below

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2tR9sBlvqvzZcv3XqcReeKKE7FTe>

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
4240 Gettysburg Avenue North  
New Hope, MN 55428

## Church Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Always brings a smile and chuckle when I think of the annual camping trip with the Mpls cousins and family. Lots of laughter, mishaps and love. Norm always had something witty to say. As a kid, I couldn't tell if he was telling the truth or giving me the business! Great memories-great uncle. Cindy Pugh

Cindy C Simmer - May 05, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Clement Pugh.



May 05, 2021 at 10:31 AM

AB

“ Audrey Bang lit a candle in memory of Norman Clement Pugh



Audrey Bang - May 04, 2021 at 09:14 PM

EB

“ Went out to breakfast after church with Larry Kampa and Norm and Marion. It was always enjoyable, lots of laughter and good conversation. Also attended Wednesday morning Bible study with Norm, Marion and Lorraine Gauger. They were always there and always had great contributions to the Bible Study session. Norm was a wonderful president for the Owls chapter at Timothy Lutheran Church.

Ed Bright - May 04, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Clement Pugh.



May 04, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Norman Clement Pugh.



May 04, 2021 at 10:42 AM