



## Norman Curtis Erber

November 6, 1938 - November 3, 2013

The funeral service for Norman Erber, 74, Oriska, ND will be 10:30 AM, Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND. Rev. Dan Faust will officiate and burial with military honors will be in Hillside Cemetery, Valley City. He died at his home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley on November 3, 2013.

Visitation will be held in the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City on Wednesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A prayer service will be held there beginning at 7:00. Visitation will continue an hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Norman Curtis Erber was born in Minot, ND on November 6, 1938, the son of Henry and Gladys (Loveland) Erber. He was raised on a farm near Glenburn, ND. He graduated from Concordia High School, Seward, NE in 1957. On October 3, 1962, he joined the US Army and was honorably discharged, September 3, 1964.

On October 10, 1965, he married Sharyl Doreen Whetter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bottineau, ND. Norm worked for John Deere dealerships in Bottineau, Rugby, Rolla, and Valley City for over 30 years. He also managed the VFW club in Valley City for a short time and was also the auditor for the city of Oriska.

Norm began his catering career as a side job in the mid 1980's. This eventually grew into a full time business, Norm's BBQ. He cared about each of his customers and strove to meet their needs. He was well known as a "people person" and made friends everywhere he went. He retired in October 2011.

Working in his woodshop was one of his hobbies. He made keepsakes for all of his children and grandchildren. Camping with Sharyl at Clauson Springs was one of the things he enjoyed the most.

Norm held District and Post Commander positions within the American Legion as well as several other offices. He was a member of the Valley City Lions Club.

Norm is survived by his wife, Sharyl of Oriska; children, Randy S. (Lynn Frosch) Erber of Seattle, WA, Curtis N. (Joanna) Erber of Fargo, ND, Roger D. (Brenda) Erber of Muscatine, IA, and Rebecca E. (Boyd) Westman of Valley City; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Christian, and Jaden, Kevin and Nolan, and Kellen and Cambrie; brothers, Arnold (Jane) Erber of Glenburn, ND and Glenn (Lois) Erber of Jackson, MI; and a sister, Gladys (John) Eichelberg of Tucson, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Michael D. Erber; a brother, Hank Erber; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Inez and Roger Brown and Florence and Lytel Cook.

Funeral arrangements for Norm have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
499 - 4th Ave. NW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ I went through basic training with Norm at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri in Oct and Nov 1962. In just those two months I found out Norm was a good guy. I remember going to church with him at a base chapel. Sorry to read of his passing. Ron Olson, Rugby

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**Ron Olson** - November 26, 2013 at 08:29 PM

BW

“ To Rebecca,Boyd & family  
We are sorry to hear about your loss. We worked with Rebecca and Boyd at the Litchville-Marion School. Your wonderful memories with help you through this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Take care  
Bob and Kay Willson

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**Bob/Kay Willson** - November 09, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JD

“ The Erber Family~  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I was a classmate of Randy's in Rolla and worked with Sharyl years ago. May your great memories continue to live. God Bless.  
Jodi Deplazes, Fargo, ND

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**Jodi Deplazes** - November 08, 2013 at 02:21 PM

CD

“ We have known Norm for many years. He was such a great guy to talk to and so caring. A few years ago he catered the groom's supper for my daughter's wedding, he made sure everything was perfect. You could always count on Norm, he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Norm and his Family.  
John and Connie Dimmer

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**Connie Dimmer** - November 07, 2013 at 02:38 PM

BB

“ Norm was a great person and always fun to talk with. I first met Norm in RugbyND when they attended St Pauls and then I ran into him serving us a delicious meal in Casselton many years later. Keeping you all in our prayers.

Barb and Leon Binde (Bauer).

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**barb binde** - November 07, 2013 at 10:11 AM

CB

“ Dear family of Norm,  
A fixture in a large surrounding area of friends, neighbors, and family has left you.  
The void is hard to fill, yet his genial presence will be always be felt. It was a  
pleasure to know him and have him serve our sale.  
May God bless and keep all of you.

Carol Winter Bjorge

Carol Winte Bjorge - November 06, 2013 at 08:02 PM

JM

“ I met Norm years ago at an Auction Sale. At that time I asked him about catering  
a meal to a musical where I was teaching. He said he would give it a try. He also  
told me their was nothing he couldn't do. Norm catered my musicals for the next  
several years. It was always in the winter when he came, rain, sleet or snow I  
could always count on great "HOT" food when he arrived. The evening hasn't  
been the same since he retired and sold the business. He was a excellent cook, a  
good business man and most importantly a "Great Guy" God Bless his memory.

John Monilaws - November 06, 2013 at 01:37 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of  
Norman Curtis Erber.



November 06, 2013 at 11:38 AM

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Westman - November 05, 2013 at 08:28 PM

EB

This is how I choose to remember Norm -- smiling and serving up his great food. He  
made the best potato salad!! ;)

Ellen Bjelland - November 07, 2013 at 08:02 PM

RL

“ *A wonderful family man; what a great example of fatherhood to his sons and other young men. We are thinking of you at the sad time. Brian and Ruby Lawler*

Ruby Lawler - November 05, 2013 at 08:19 PM

RE

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Randy Erber - November 05, 2013 at 04:36 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Norman Curtis Erber.*



November 05, 2013 at 03:57 PM

CV

“ *I was sorry to hear of Norm's passing, I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Cindy Vogel - November 05, 2013 at 02:15 PM

LW

*Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Love you all. Val and Lyle Westman'*

Lyle Westman - November 05, 2013 at 03:22 PM

LW

“ *Linda, Kelly, and Wendy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norman Curtis Erber.*



Linda, Kelly, and Wendy - November 05, 2013 at 08:10 AM

PK

“ So sorry to hear about Norm. He was a very sweet and nice person. I really liked working for him, he made it so much fun. He will be missed, Prayers going out to all of you!

Pat Kruger - November 05, 2013 at 05:02 AM

LW

“ Norm was a well known man to this community!!! He is gonna be missed by many especially his wonderful cooking he did and his outgoing friendly smile! RIP Norm!!! Prayers go out to Norms family during this time of sorrow.

lynn wilson - November 04, 2013 at 10:07 PM

KA

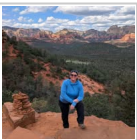
“ Norm was a kind soul that made everyone at ease with his good food and his kind heart! He will be missed. May God wrap you in His arms and hold you in your time of need.

Kristi Anderson - November 04, 2013 at 09:15 PM

KW

“ Norm is such a kind man and helped wherever he could. He gave my brother a great wife. Love u all

Kristine westman - November 04, 2013 at 08:25 PM



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Brenda Erber - November 04, 2013 at 08:23 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Norm was a great man with a huge heart and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Love.

Beven and Sophie Casavant

Beven Casavant - November 04, 2013 at 07:23 PM

MN

*Norm was a great person to get to know he was my boss while i worked at the VFW he thought me how to cook and do what was needed to serve up a special meal. we had some great times together cooking. then if he needed a bar tender or bar maid for the night i did that also. a friend Mary Lou Nelson*

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**Mary Lou Nelson** - November 05, 2013 at 08:43 AM