



Norman I Shupe

October 16, 1934 - October 5, 2016

EDINBURG- Norman I. Shupe, 81, passed away Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

Norm was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on October 16, 1934 to Howard and Lois Shupe. In his early years, Norm excelled in football, baseball, and Boys Scouts of America, earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Norm attended Eureka College in Illinois where he played football. It was at Eureka College where he met his wife of forty-eight years, Patricia Marshall.

Norm served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1958 as a paratrooper, stationed in Germany during the Cold War. He was also member of the Army Reserves from 1958-1962.

“Stormin’ Norman,” as he became known, raced locally in both Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley for many years. During his Indy Car racing years, Norm traveled throughout the United States as well as Japan with Bobby Unser and other racers as a member of the Vita Fresh Racing Team.

Norm moved his family to the Rio Grande Valley when he was hired as ranch manager of the GVL Ranch in San Manuel. He later taught Auto Mechanics at Edinburg CISD, worked for Downing Construction, and returned to education, teaching Auto Mechanics for Mission ISD until his retirement in 2002.

Norm was a member of Edinburg Retired Teachers Association, serving as Local Unit Legislative Chairman. He was a proud member of American Legion Post 101 in Pharr and Post 408 for over twenty years. He was elected 15th

District Commander and Post 101 Commander.

When his son was in high school, he enjoyed hosting spaghetti dinners for the Edinburg Bobcat football team. He looked forward to joining the parents, players, and coaches in team bonding. He loved traveling with his wife across the country in their motor home, gardening, fishing, cooking, and spending time with family. He particularly enjoyed cooking for American Legion dinners. Norm is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Michael (Angela) Shupe of San Antonio, Lane (Gina) Shupe of McAllen, and Gene (Letty) Shupe of Edinburg; sisters, Leah Shupe of Mexico, MO and Susan Finely of Dunlap, IL; six grandchildren, Chris Shupe, Blaine (Brittany) Shupe, Magalli Hernandez, Angela Hernandez, Zoe Shupe, and Jaxson Shupe; and his cherished dog, Taffy. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life Services will be held at 1:30 P.M., Sunday, October 23, 2016, at First Christian Church, 410 West University Drive, Edinburg, TX. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to First Christian Church in Edinburg or First Christian Church 1201 E. Fern in McAllen. Funeral services are under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen.

Previous Events

A Service of Celebration and Resurrection

OCT **23**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Edinburg
410 W University Dr,
Edinburg, TX 78539

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Christian-Church/104935522882991>

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman I Shupe*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Norman I Shupe*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *On behalf of the Eureka College community, our deepest condolences to Norman's family and friends. We pray God's comfort as you grieve his passing, and as you recall the blessings of his life with you.*

Sincerely,

*Bruce Fowlkes
Eureka College Chaplain*

Bruce Fowlkes - October 24, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Dear pat I am so sorry to hear of Norm's passing
I will always remember the times we all spent together in the kitchen
of the 101
Hard work but fun times
You are in my thoughts and prayers
I hope to see you when I get to TX in nov
Love to all your family*

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