



Norman Richard Byrd Jr.

April 1, 1948 - April 25, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Norman Richard Byrd Jr., 77, affectionately known as Normie or Papa. Normie resided his entire life in Hastings, Florida. He had chronic kidney disease and a few other health issues that had recently diminished his quality of life. On Friday, April 25, 2025, he left his earthly body, surrounded by his family at Flagler Hospital.

Normie is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gwyned Byrd, his son Stacy Byrd, daughter and son-in-law Mindy and Obie Lands, brother Terry (Faye) Byrd, sister Debbie Baughman, and his "in-laws", Mitzi Byrd, Larry Click, Doyle Sirmans, and Vickie (Edward) Stewart. He was a proud Papa to Brandon (Margot) Byrd, Joshua (Kaysie) Lands, Austin (Ashton) Byrd, and Holly (Kym) Johnson-Lands. But his true joy came from spending time with his great-grandchildren, Macie and Walker Byrd, and knowing he had 2 more on the way. His family also included numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman Sr. and Helen Byrd, brother Barry Byrd, "in-laws" Leon and Dorothy Simans, Ronald Sirmans, and Carolyn Click.

Normie was a simple man who enjoyed the simple things. Before his recent illness, he was an avid deer hunter. He was a member of Gopher Ridge Hunting Association and a few other local hunting clubs. In his final days with us, many of his conversations centered around family, guns, hunting, deer,

and crabs. Those were the things most important to him.

He was always a hard worker and a provider for his family. In his early career, he was a Land Surveyor for ITT in the development of Palm Coast. Later in the 80s, he became a Commercial Crabber until his retirement a few years ago.

While his physical presence is gone, his legacy will remain in our hearts, in our minds, and we will continue those hunting stories for generations to come. Rest In Peace, Papa!

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Pellicer Creek Cemetery. There will be a reception immediately following the service at Mt. Olive Baptist Church
8250 Co Rd 13, Hastings, FL 32145. Those desiring may send messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/norman-byrd-3/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pellicer Creek Cemetery

CR 204
Hastings, FL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Richard Byrd Jr.*



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“ *I walked the hallowed halls of Hastings High School with Normie and Gwyned. I think they fell in love the day they met. Normie's family farmed as well as most of the Hastings community. Hastings had a great potato season in 1964 -1965 and Normie came to school sporting a brand new bright red Chevy Malibu. He and Gwyned were always on the go. Normie played football and Gwyned was a cheerleader who cheered him on and off the field. They married shortly after graduation. It was a match made in heaven! My most sincere condolences to the entire Byrd family. J J Johnson*

J J Johnson - May 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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“ *The Hunter Family sends many thoughts and prayers to the Byrd/Lands Family as you celebrate and honor the Patriarch of your family, and his life well lived. Peace be with you in the coming days of remembrance and in the journey to follow. Love, David,Denise,&Tanner* ❤️

Denise Hunter - May 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM



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“ *I so sorry to hear of Mr Normie’s passing such a Great man I remember working for him and getting up and going to pull buster crabs in the middle of the night for him years ago. I also worked with Gwyned at Umbro such a nice family My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Sending Love and hugs Take comfort in the good memories they will get you through your time of sorrow!*

Leslie Banta - April 29, 2025 at 07:19 PM