



Kirk Douglas Norman

May 21, 1953 - June 21, 2013

Kirk Douglas Norman, 60, of Traverse City passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 21, 2013 in Muskegon.

Kirk was born on Thursday, May 21, 1953 In Grand Island, Nebraska, the son of Melvin E. and Louise M. (McMahon) Norman. He moved with his family to Michigan as a small child. He graduated in 1971 from Clarkston High School.

A salesman for Frito Lay, Kirk served stores in the Traverse City area. He seemed to know everyone, and if he didn't, he was quick to introduce himself. He was a man who was a friend to anyone and would do whatever he could to be of help. He was a gifted gardner, and loved to spend time in his gardens. He had been an active member of the Cherryland Garden Club and worked on many projects around the area planting flower beds along the parkway and other locations. He loved to hunt, trap and ice fish and especially enjoyed summers on his boat on Lake Leelanau.

Kirk is survived by his friend and companion, Mary Vickerman, his sons, Chris (Jonquil) of North Muskegon, Nick of Chicago and Tyler of Cedar; grandchildren Brennan and Myles Doty; mother Louise Michaels of Waterford, siblings, Gary (Kathy) of Clarkston, Karen Sue (Keith) Mueller of North Carolina, Terry of Lake Ann and Tammy (John) Linder of Clarkston, along with nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Kirk was preceded in death by his father, his stepfather Paul Michaels and a brother Larry Riddle.

Visitation for Kirk will begin at 12 noon Tuesday at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with the funeral service beginning at 2 p.m., also at the funeral home. Pastor Justin Grimm will officiate and burial will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

As Kirk loved to garden, the family asks that he be remembered through memorial donations to the Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 or online at www.arborday.org and proceed to the Tree in Memory page. Kirk's love of life continues through Gift of Life Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation.

Please share your thoughts and memories of Kirk with his family by way of his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Events

JUN **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUN **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Sue P lit a candle in memory of Kirk Douglas Norman



Sue P - July 08, 2013 at 08:48 AM



“ Mary, Chris, Nick, and Tyler. We were stunned to learn of Kirk's death upon our return from Europe. Kirk was a great neighbor for 17 years. We look in our yard and see the signs of his love of gardening... he shared many plants and trees with us as we began to landscape our property. They will be a reminder of his generosity and friendly ways. He was always smiling and had a strong love of life and family. We will miss him.

Beth and John Dumala

John and Beth Dumala - July 07, 2013 at 08:14 AM



“ Kirk was so enthusiastic and lit up the room with his smile. He did such a beautiful job with caring for the flowers and his garden. We loved having him in garden club. It has been several years but just saw him a couple weeks ago at one of his delivery locations and he took the time to chat and find out how I was and shared how happy he was. He will truly be missed

Sally Weaver(Frye)

Sally Weaver - July 01, 2013 at 06:43 AM



“ Our condolences to the Norman family. We knew Kirk in school and he was always thoughtful, kind and generous. May his memories and his love carry you through the painful times. Mary and Rick Erb

Mary Micheline Erb - June 24, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ Mary, Carol and I want to extend our heartfelt sympathies to you and all of Kirk's family. He was truly a kind and friendly man, and we were all privileged to have him as part of our family. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. Steve and Carol Bruhn

Steve & Carol Bruhn - June 24, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ To Mary, the boys and the entire Norman family we pray for your strength to carry on. Our hearts are heavy with shock. We will remember Kirk as an enthusiastic player of life and a good friend. We are so sorry for your loss. Love, Ron and Deb Murden - Traverse City

Ron and Deb Murden - June 24, 2013 at 08:29 AM



“ Kirk was one of the happiest people I've ever known. How I will miss our impromptu visits in the snack aisle at Meijers. As a relative newcomer to the Traverse City area, he always made me feel a part of the community when he saw me first, tapped me on the shoulder, and gave me a big hug. My husband Mark and I feel blessed that we were able to spend some happy hours, recently, on the lake with Kirk and Mary, sharing their delight in nature and friendship. I pray that Mary and his sons, grandchildren and extended family find peace and comfort in the coming days and years. The loss of such a splendid gentleman will be felt for a long time to come.

Diana Zapalski-Wandrey - June 24, 2013 at 08:22 AM



“ Deepest sympathies for your loss. I hope you can draw a measure of comfort from Isaiah 25:8 where it states that soon our loving Heavenly Father will swallow up death forever and will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. Also, John 5:28,29 holds out the hope of a resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in death.

Laura - June 24, 2013 at 07:29 AM



“ Mary, Tammy, Louise, Terry and family, I can't begin to find the words to express how saddened I am by the loss of Kirk. I've only known him a few years but I have so many great memories! I pray those memories you have of him will comfort you now. He was one of a kind! I will never forget the Silver Fox! Love to you all! You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Leslie Ousnamer

