



Rev. Norman Palmer

July 6, 1929 - October 18, 2020

Retired pastor and evangelist, Rev. Norman Palmer, 91, of Franklin, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, October 18, 2020 at Life's Journey of Avon.

He was born July 6, 1929 in Iron County, Missouri, a son of the late Walter and Zella (Hamilton) Palmer.

One of 11 children raised on a Southeastern Missouri farm, Norman was high energy and very ornery as a boy. He was saved at the age of 11 and later accepted a call to the ministry, even though he wanted to be a farmer and felt his older brother was more qualified to be a pastor. On July 26, 1949, Norman married the love of his life and faithful partner in ministry, Carolyn Scaggs.

Rev. Palmer entered the ministry in 1954 and was active in ministry for 61 years. He pastored in the Church of the Nazarene in: Annapolis and Brosley, Missouri; Fulton, Kentucky; and Clayton, Eagledale (Indianapolis), and Franklin, Indiana. He was the pastor of the church in Franklin for 21 years. He also served as an evangelist and pastored the Trinity Lighthouse Church in Franklin for several years.

Known for always being in a suit, Rev. Palmer was very serious about church. He carried a heavy burden for the lost, held high standards, and was a friend

and encourager to younger pastors. In addition to pastoring and building churches spiritually, he also built churches physically, constructing 15 churches across Indiana.

Rev. Palmer had an exuberance for life. He loved horses, farming, rebuilding tractors, attending auctions, collecting, and fishing. He cherished time with his family, playing games, and laughing.

Those left to cherish Norman's memory include his wife of 71 years, Carolyn Palmer; two children, Dennis (Trena) Palmer of Franklin and Pamela (David) Garner of Avon; five grandchildren, Susan (Steve) Suits, Dara (Randy) Gentry, Ryan (Andrea) Garner, Emily (Abram) Book, and Bradley (Brenna) Palmer; 12 great-grandchildren, Katelynn, Montana, Abigail, Ramsey, Philip, Alexandria, Kaylee, Carrie, Wesley, Samantha, Nathanael, and Aleisha; three sisters, Faye (Dale) Miller, Neoma (Keith) Gibson, and Leona (Max) Downs and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Doug Garner, and his siblings, Ethel Cecil, Nelson Palmer, Charles Palmer, James Palmer, Vesta Harden, Preston Palmer, and Betty Boner.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, October 22, 2020, at Franklin Church of the Nazarene, 140 W. Branigin Rd. Franklin, Indiana, 46131, with Dr. Ron Blake officiating. Burial will follow at Franklin Greenlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 pm Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Franklin Church of the Nazarene Donate Online (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>). You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamily

cares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Norman Palmer

Cemetery Details

Franklin Greenlawn Cemetery

100 W South Street
Franklin, IN 46131

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Franklin Church of the Nazarene
140 Branigin Road
Franklin, IN 46131

Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rodney V. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



Rodney V. - October 21, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



October 21, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ 153 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - October 20, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



October 20, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



October 20, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



October 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.



October 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.*



October 20, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.*



October 20, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Bro. Palmer was a Godly Man who always treated me like one of his grandkids. Susan, Dara, Ryan, Emily and Brad, thank you for sharing your Grandpa with me. I know he's having a great time laughing with Doug as they are reunited together with Jesus. Bro. Palmer preached the first revival of my pastoral journey. My Wife Becca and I were honored to have him and his beautiful Wife Sis. Palmer with us. Heaven is even sweeter now than ever before and I look forward to seeing my friend again someday when Jesus calls me home. My life is richer for knowing him. All my love to Sis. Palmer and the entire family.*

Gary Richardson - October 20, 2020 at 05:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.*



October 20, 2020 at 02:59 AM



“ *Norm and Carolyn have been dear friends since the early 70's... what a blessing they have have been to us across the years! Praying for Carolyn, Dennis, Pam and their families during this time of loss!!! Our love, Bob and Linda Bedford.*

Linda Bedford - October 19, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman Palmer.*



October 19, 2020 at 09:33 PM