



## Norman Dwain Underwood

January 16, 1938 - March 13, 2009

Norman Underwood, 71, of Fair Play went to be with the Lord on March 13, 2009. He was battling a brush fire on his farm at the time of his passing.

He was born January 16, 1938 in Aldrich, Missouri to Fredrick and Joye Underwood.

Norman was saved as a young boy on a Sunday morning at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Dunnegan. His faith was a central part of his life.

Norman graduated from Fair Play High School in 1955. He served his country from 1957 to 1960 in the U.S. Armed forces while stationed in Germany.

Norman lived in Cleveland, Ohio and Los Angeles, California before returning back to Southwest Missouri in 1967 where he lived the rest of his days.

He found the love of his life in Geraldine Williams of Springfield. The couple wed February 4, 1966 in Las Vegas, Nevada and just celebrated their 43rd anniversary. She survives. Other survivors include the couples three children along with their spouses: Felicia and Rex Jump, Bolivar; Timothy and Charlotte Underwood, Columbia and Andrew and Rhonda Underwood of Ava, Missouri. Six grandchildren: Reece Jump of Bolivar; Kaleigh Shea of Longwood, Florida; Austin Underwood of Ava and Kija, Ethan

and Elena Ruth Underwood of Columbia.

Other survivors include siblings: Fredrick (Junior) Underwood Deer Park, TX; Paul Underwood, Fair Play; Clifford Underwood, St. Louis; Carolyn Keller, Nixa and Katherine Underwood, Kansas City, MO, and a large extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Norman was employed at McQueary Bros. Pharmaceutical in Springfield, Missouri for 39 years retiring in December of 2007. He worked his way up from stocking shelves in the warehouse to eventually the Missouri Pharmacy Association "Traveler of the Year" in June 1999, calling on clients in three states.

He loved his job. He loved farming even more, running almost 300 acres of crop, hay and livestock. Upon retirement, he loved to spend his time with his Stihl chainsaw in the woods. He cut wood for his family, his church and others in need. Like his father before him, farming was in his blood and he loved the land.

He also had a great love for the church at Fair Play Baptist where he was a member. He served as a Sunday School teacher, trustee and deacon. After being called into the ministry he served as a pastor at Mt. Etna in Bolivar in 2007 before returning to Fair Play Baptist as the Associate Pastor in 2008.

He also served his community as a school board member in the 70's and 80's, participating in the Lions Club and being a current member of the Grand Lodge, Shriners of North America Abou Ben Admen in Springfield.

Norman loved to play as hard as he worked; taking many trips with Geraldine to Branson, watching basketball games, especially when his son Andy took his Fordland boys basketball teams to the State Championships in 1998 and

1999. In later years, Norman enjoyed his daily trip to Hannah's Store in Fair Play to have coffee with the boys. For him Saturday was a time of rest and relaxation. He and Geraldine also spent much time visiting their many friends and family. The couple did just about everything together.

"Norm" was a stranger to no one and a friend to everyone he met. He was much loved and respected. He was a pillar of his family and community. He will be missed.

A memorial funeral services for Norman will be held on Tuesday evening, March 17, 2009 at 6:00 P.M at the First Baptist Church in Fair Play, MO with Rev. David Stunkel officiating. His burial will be on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in the Barren Creek Cemetery west of Bolivar under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Full Military Honors will be provided by the AMVETS Post #114, Flemington, MO. Masonic Services will also be conducted at the Graveside

All people are welcome to attend either service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Mt. Vernon Childrens Home % Missouri Baptist Childrens Home 11300 St. Charles Rock Road Hutchens Campus Bridgeton, MO 63044 Attn: Christiana Mustion. Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Norman Dwain Underwood

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Norman Dwain Underwood

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Felica, Tim & Andy

*I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that my prayers are with you and your families.*

Susan Ellis Lotz - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Norman Dwain Underwood

Dr. & Mrs. John E. Russell - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Your loss & our loss will never be forgotten. Our words cannot, sufficiently, express our deepest sympathies & condolences. Our greatest consolation is that we know that he is now in his place with God in heaven.

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick J. Underwood - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Geraldine and family,  
in deepest sympathy to you and your family. Norman will be missed  
by all who knew him. Love and prayers.  
Sister Doris Barham

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**Doris Barham** - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Geraldine and family,  
We are thinking of you and remembering Uncle Norman.  
He made this world a better place and touched the hearts of others.  
Love Garry and Shayne Barham

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**Garry & Shayne Barham** - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ You were a joy to work with and a great man you will be missed  
ever so much.

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**Stacie Ridgeway** - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Norm briefly at McQueary  
Bros. He was always so sweet and cheerful. A pleasure to be  
around. He is now rejoicing with our Lord, no pain, no sadness. I  
am happy for him but grieve for you. You will see him again  
someday. God bless you!

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**Kyndl McGheee** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Felicia and family, our prayers are with you all. May you allow God  
to be your Comforter, and find peace knowing your dear loved one  
is rejoicing in Heaven now!

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**Brenda Poole** - March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers and we love your family dearly. May God sustain you during these hours that are so hard.

Cynthia Santos & Nona Renfrow - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Michael & Joann Condren - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the times ahead. The memorial service and photos honored Mr. Underwood very well and brought back memories to those who attended. We will miss seeing him at Fair Play events. Brent, Betty, Brandon & Brian Gamble

Brent & Betty Gamble - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Felicia & family: please accept another humble condolence. Your dad's life was blessed with good friends & wonderful devoted family members, and outdoor activities that helped keep him young. I know you will all miss him greatly. May God be with you & bring you the peace that passeth all understanding.

Jane Thompson - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Geraldine, I was so very sorry to learn of Normans passing. He was one of the good guys. He will be missed at the class reunions. Feel very sad for you & your family, and pray God will give you comfort & strength at this time. Harold & Evelyn (Steward) Gray

Evelyn Gray - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Tim, Charlotte, and family,  
Know that my heart goes out to you all during this time. I pray that  
God will give you the strength that you need to get through this.  
You are in my prayers.. Love you all, please take care.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Sherry Allen*

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**Mrs. Sherry Allen** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Geraldine our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Norm  
was a great fella and I enjoyed visiting with him at our meetings. He  
will be truly missed.*

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**Gary & Janice McClure** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *I am sorry for your loss  
Our prayers are with you John&Nora*

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**John Bowers** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and  
prayers go out to the Underwood family. Norm will be missed.*

*-Billy and Alison McQueary*

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**Billy and Alison McQueary** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts and our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Darrell and Debbie Wray

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**Darrell and Debbie Wray** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ you have our deepest sympathy,we all loved norman, all the staff at magee pharmacy

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**magee pharmacy** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ GERALDINE - I NEVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU BUT FELT AS THOUGH I KNEW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS NORM SPOKE OF YOU ALL ANYTIME HE WAS IN THE STORE. I AM A PHARMACIST TECH AT PONDER HEALTH IN MTN HOME,AR. NORM WAS OUR REP HERE WHEN I STARTED IN 1989, AND HE WAS A DEAR DEAR MAN TO ME. WE SHARED THE SAME BIRTHDATE, EXCEPT FOR THE YEAR BECAUSE I WAS MUCH YOUNGER, HE ALWAYS TEASED ! I ENJOYED CALLING MCQUEARY TO LEAVE HIM A BIRTHDAY WISH EVERY YEAR UNTIL HE RETIRED. I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT I KNOW HEAVEN IS HIS HOME AND HE IS BETTER OFF NOW THAN WE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND TO MOURN OUR LOSS. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY MANY.

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**TRACEY PARTEE** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I remember fun visits to My Uncle Norman and Aunt Geraldine's home. I loved the big breakfasts they would make.

*Uncle Norman really was an incredible man. I loved him very much.*

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**Ken Barham** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Peace, Prayers, and Blessings. Robert and Jennifer Long

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**Robert and Jennifer Long** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My condolences to Sister Felicia and the Underwood family. Your father was a sweet servant of God who kindly supported the mission work in Jamaica. I enjoyed our times in worship with him.

*Remember, that memory is a gift from God that death cannot destroy. May you all enjoy your precious memories of him while he rejoices in Heaven.*

*God Bless Missionary Rick Jones*

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**Missionary Rick Jones** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Felicia,  
*I am so sorry to hear about he loss of your father. You and your family are in our prayers.*

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**Susan McElhaney Joslin** - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Very sorry about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**David and Christie Evans, Trevor and Jessica** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Mrs. Underwood - I have not met you but felt the blessings of your family as Nathan was attending SBU. You and Mr. Underwood kindly invited him to your home for great food and Nathan enjoyed the time spent outside working cleaning fence rows. A quiet blessing in so many ways. His loss will be felt deeply in your home and greater community for the example he set forth.*

*Tim and Charlotte - Words cannot express our appreciation for each of you the the wonderful role your parents played in molding you into the wonderful friends and parents. May you feel God's strength as you walk the road ahead.*

*Fondly,  
Chris, Marcia, Nathan and Andrew Beckett*

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**Chris Beckett Family** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

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**Karen Moody** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you.*

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**Carol Wollard** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. We enjoyed having him come to our store for so many years. We really missed him when he retired. He will be missed by all.

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**Aurora Professional Pharamacy** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Geraldine and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are deeply saddened to hear of Norm's passing. We enjoyed knowing you both through McQueary Bros. and seeing you in Branson every year.

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**David and Margie Bridwell** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My family and I would like to offer our condolences. We hope that if you need anything you will just ask, because we will be there to help you in this difficult time.

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**John Reppert and Family** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Geraldine,

*My thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with you and your family during this very sad time.*

*If you need anything or a friend to talk to, please call me.*

*Nancy*

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**Nancy Crowell** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I love you all and I am so very sorry. My childhood memories are cherished, reminiscent of the many fun summer days we spent in Springfield and Fair Play. As I loved and adored my grandma, I loved my Uncle Norman. I will never forget the strong bonds we all shared and the memories are etched in my heart forever. My love.....karen

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**Karen J. Collins** - March 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Dear Geraldine and Family,  
I am so,so sorry to hear of your great loss of Norman. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are for your comfort, strength,and guidance from God in this great time of grief.  
Norman was such a good man. He will be missed by many.  
Joe Q.

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**Joe Quillin** - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am saddened to hear of your loss. Norman was a wonderful man and will be missed by all. May you all have peace of mind knowing that he is in Heaven with our Heavenly Father. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Cissy

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**Cissy (Reed) Jones** - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *Dear Aunt Geraldine and family.  
Just wanted you to know how so sorry we are to here about Uncle Norman. We are still in shock. If there is anything we can do, Please let us know. Our Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love  
Sherry, John and Ryan*

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**John & Sherry McCoy (Barham)** - March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM