



## Norman Quam

August 16, 2014

NORMAN DUANE QUAM, 81, OF WILLIS, TX WENT TO HEAVEN TO BE WITH HIS MAKER AFTER A LONG FIGHT WITH CANCER. HE WAS BORN TO NORMAN ALVIN AND DOROTHY MARGARET QUAM, JUNE 4, 1933 IN SIOUX FALLS, SD. HIS FAMILY MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND HE GRADUATED FROM ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL AND MARRIED HIS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE, SANDRA, OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. THEY CELEBRATED 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE ON JUNE 19TH OF THIS YEAR. THEIR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE WAS AN EXAMPLE TO MANY. NORMAN TREASURED HIS FAMILY AND SPENT HIS LIFE FAITHFULLY PROVIDING FOR THEM. HE WAS A NATURAL SALESMAN AND WORKED HIS WAY UP TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE BETTIS CORPORATION. HE WAS LOVED BY HIS COLLEAGUES FOR THE WAY HE RESPECTED AND CARED FOR THEM. HE LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST, WORKED HARD DURING HIS CAREER AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THE WORLD TO CARRY OUT BUSINESS. DURING HIS 15 YEARS OF RETIREMENT, HE AND SANDY TRAVELED THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR MOTOR HOME VISITING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AS WELL AS SEEING WHAT THIS GREAT NATION HAD TO OFFER. HE WAS PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN AND THE FLAG FLEW OUTSIDE WHEREVER HE WENT. HE HAD A GENEROUS AND FRIENDLY OUTLOOK ON LIFE AND BROUGHT JOY AND LAUGHTER TO THE PEOPLE HE MET. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BEAUTIFUL BRIDE SANDRA; HIS CHILDREN: SON

ERIK QUAM AND HIS WIFE DIANA, AND HIS DEVOTED DAUGHTER KEIRA QUAM; HIS GRANDSONS: JAY LORENZ, DUSTIN KOSLOWSKY AND HIS WIFE JULIE, EVAN QUAM, DENNIS KOSLOWSKY AND HIS WIFE ALISHA, JEFF LORENZ, AND DALE QUAM. HE IS SURVIVED AS WELL BY HIS GREAT GRANDCHILDREN DAELIN AND TINLEY KOSLOWSKY; HIS SISTERS ARDIS EDWARDS, JOANN THORNTON AND HER HUSBAND LEROY, AND PATTY DEPUGLIA AND HER HUSBAND GUS; HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW DON BROWN AND HIS WIFE IDA; ALONG WITH A GREAT MANY COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE SAM HOUSTON FUNERAL HOME IN WILLIS, TEXAS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 2:30 PM. THE ADDRESS IS 10129 FM 1097 RD. W., WILLIS, TX. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN NORMAN'S NAME TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA OR REEL RECOVERY. CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY MAY BE LEFT ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SHMFH.COM](http://WWW.SHMFH.COM).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Quam*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Though words, however gentle, cannot take your loss away, still may beautiful memories of your loved one comfort you forever. One day soon, God Jehovah promise that our dead loved ones will taste life again on a paradise earth, and all forms of suffering, and death will be removed forever - Act 24:15; Revelation 21:3, 4; Psalms 37:29; Psalms 83:18.*

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**Doris** - August 23, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Dear Sandi and family  
I am truly saddened at news of Norm's passing - he was my first mentor when back in 1986 at a meeting in Melbourne he took a chance on a young 22 year old. I owe much to Norm and he will forever be remembered for his faith and generosity of spirit to all who came to know him -*

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**Lyndon Dean** - August 18, 2014 at 02:47 PM

PG

“ To Sandi, Erik and Keira,  
I have had the amazing gift to have shared my life with you and your family when I was a young girl on the river in the San Joaquin Delta. Your Dad was amazing.. He was so full of life. He was kind and supportive..That is what every child needs..I am blessed that I was able to know him, his wife Sandi and Keira and Erik.. So many great memories at the Larkin Farm and on the river that I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family as they celebrate the amazing life that was Norm Quam..Because he was gifted to so many, we are all so much more blessed...

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**Patti Larkin Garibaldi** - August 16, 2014 at 03:02 PM

ER

“ Sandy and family.  
I send my sincerest personal condolences to you all, Norm was a very good friend to all who knew him. He was a respected 'factory man' when I worked as in the distribution chain, a respected 'boss' when I worked for Bettis and a respected 'competitor' when I worked for the competition. He was a very fine man and I'm better for having known and worked with him. Ed Robinson

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**Ed Robinson** - August 16, 2014 at 12:36 PM

BH

“ To Sandy and family, your loss is shared by all of us. I often called him to complain about some Bettis policy and he rewarded me by making me Chairman of the Advisory Committee. You just had to love him! We have lost a great friend.

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**Bill Hayes** - August 15, 2014 at 06:56 PM

RB

“ *Sandy and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Norm. He was a friend and associate for 20 years at Bettis. Norm was a passionate leader and a fine gentleman who truly cared about people. He was always there for the Bettis family when we had an issue or just needed someone to talk with. Norm was a great Bettis salesman and inspired so many of us with his friendly and positive outlook on life. He will definitely be remembered by many. May God's love comfort the family in the days ahead as you recall the special memories.*

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**Rick and Ginger Baughn** - August 15, 2014 at 04:18 PM

BK

“ *Betty and I are saddened by the passing of Norm. While it has been more than 30 years since I worked with him at Bettis, it is obvious from the condolences left on the website, that he has influenced the lives and careers of many people during his lifetime. His legacy will continue to live on because our lives have been shaped and impacted by his powerful influence.*

*For his family and loved ones, Norm is now in heaven. Don't think you're far apart, because every time you think of him, he's right there,... in your heart.*

*Bill & Betty Krauss*

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**Bill & Betty Krauss** - August 15, 2014 at 03:23 PM

MS

“ Norm was a class guy. I dealt with him when I was at Cookeville as sales manager of Durco Valves and always respected him. He was a straight shooter and meant what he said. One cannot mourn him but rather celebrate his life and remember him as a great guy. Condolences to Sandy and family.  
Fellow Man of the Year, VMA, 1087,  
Myles Sweeney

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**Myles Sweeney** - August 15, 2014 at 12:22 PM

KD

“ There are a few special people in this world that leave such a positive effect on soo many - Norm Quam was that "kind of special". His style and grace easily gained respect and admiration of those fortunate to work with him. As you read the condolences; it is often mentioned that he was the man that made a difference in their life. What a legacy! He called me "Little Bit!" with that twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. That's what pops in my head when I think of Norm! Someone that touched soo many can never really be gone; because he lives in our memories!

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**Karen Derrick** - August 15, 2014 at 09:23 AM

PR

“ Norm and I worked together at Bettis in the late 70's, early 80's. He was a true prince of a man, always happy and uplifting to those around him. He never had an unkind word for anyone. I enjoyed working with him, and am so sorry for the loss of such a good person. Rest in Peace

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**Pete Ranshaw** - August 15, 2014 at 09:14 AM

JP

“ Dear Sandy I am sorry for your loss- Will visit after the service- at home,,,,your new friend and neighbor Jo Ann Padia

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**Jo Ann Padia** - August 14, 2014 at 09:02 PM

BS

“ Dear Sandy and family, Words cannot express my feelings for your loss. Norm was such a positive uplifting soul that always brought a smile or laughter. I'll miss him.  
Give each other a hug from me.  
Love, Bobbie

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**Bobbie Sherrill** - August 14, 2014 at 11:42 AM

JA

“ Sandy and family,  
We were saddened to hear of Norm's passing. Over some 25 years since he first visited us in Melbourne as 'Bettis ambassadore extraudinaire' he became both a business mentor and friend. In latter years in retirement he periodically maintained contact, despite the distance. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen Our thoughts are with you

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**John and Noeline Dean , Melbourne, Australia** - August 14, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JK

“ To Sandy and family.. Sending along our condolences. Norm's energy and always positive outlook on life will be sorely missed by all. John & Nancy Kurtz (Mansfield, OH)

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**John Kurtz** - August 13, 2014 at 07:22 PM

DH

“ Sandy and Family, I am truly saddened to hear of Norm's passing. "Mr. Quam" was one of a kind, in the greatest way possible! He was the kind and gentle and just a pleasure to work with at Bettis. I have many fond memories from work to hunting in South Texas, especially the candy stripe pajamas and matching hat sitting around the camp fire! Great times and great memories! Gods blessings to you all.

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**David Hoffstadt** - August 13, 2014 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ My condolences go to Sandy and family. Norm was a special person. When Norm came to Bettis he became my boss. I owe my career to the support I received from Norm. He gave me opportunities to grow with the company. Norm was one of the finest men I knew. I am saddened by his passing.

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**Jean Bell** - August 13, 2014 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ To Sandy and Family, my sincerest condolences for your loss. Norm was my Mentor for more than 15 years. Any success I have achieved in business I contribute greatly to him. He was a great man. Any of us who worked with Norm are no doubt better because of his influence.

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**Jim Brewington** - August 13, 2014 at 09:37 AM

GP

“ My condolences to Mrs. Quam and the family I am so sorry for your (Our) loss. I will always have a very warm spot inmy heart for "Mr. Quam"... Quite simply, he was a Good Man.

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**Gerald Powell** - August 13, 2014 at 09:19 AM

GL

“ We are saddened to hear Norm's passing. I worked several years with him and I appreciate his humanity and kindness.

*From : Michel & Elisabeth Glamazdine*

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**glamazdine** - August 12, 2014 at 04:06 PM

TP

“ Dear Sandy & family, We are so sorry about Norm. Such a great and fun loving person. I know you will miss him terribly. Gob Bless You

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**Tom & Mary Pafford** - August 12, 2014 at 09:59 AM

DS

“ Dear Sandy & Family,

*Norm (and those he mentored at the Bettis family) made my career happen. Without his faith, trust & support my life would have taken a very different turn.*

*I know he had this effect on many of us. I am truly sad to hear Norm has passed but hope You & Family find solace knowing he lives on in all of our hearts.*

*I pray God comfort you, his immediate family and all who were privileged by, and will miss, his presence.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis Shoff & Family*

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**Dennis Shoff** - August 11, 2014 at 08:38 PM

LL

“ We are saddened to hear of Norm's passing. He was a fine gentlemen and a mentor to me and many others. The world is a lesser place without Norm.

*Sincerely, Leo and Barbara LaBorde*

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**Leo and Barbara LaBorde** - August 11, 2014 at 07:34 PM

HC

“ Dear Sandy,  
Norm was one of the very best people I worked with during my career. His passing is a sad thing, but his life was a thing of joy and fulfillment. May God bless and comfort you,  
*Harold Choate*

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**Harold Choate** - August 11, 2014 at 05:58 PM

MM

“ So very sorry for the loss of Norm. He was loved and was an inspiration to us all. He will always be identified as the "persona of Bettis" during the 80's and 90's when we were all part of a great team/family.

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**Mike and Nancy Mitchell** - August 11, 2014 at 04:54 PM

PC

“ We are so sorry and shocked to hear of Norm's passing. He was a one of a kind special person. He had a knack for making every body feel special. He always took the time to be concerned and thoughtful to all he met. Our world would be a better place of there were more like Norm.

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**Pete and Katy Catalena** - August 11, 2014 at 04:22 PM

RM

“ *Sandy and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Actually, we all have lost someone very special. He will be remembered.  
I am glad that the two of you made the 60th wedding anniversary milestone. We can add that to all of the other achievements Norm has accomplished that those of us who admire and respect him can aspire to.*

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**Robert McEver** - August 11, 2014 at 02:50 PM

JR

“ *Sandy and Family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Norm was a good friend and associate. I will miss our conversations reliving our careers in the "oil patch". Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Joe & Dorothy Richey** - August 10, 2014 at 08:43 PM

LE

“ *We are so sorry for your loss!!! Norm will be missed by many South Texas Renegades....my special memories of inspecting kitchens will always remind me of him!!! Hugs to all of you!!!! We will try to come to his service...love Larry and Penny Ebest*

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**Larry and Penny Ebest** - August 10, 2014 at 07:47 PM