



## Raymond Dee Norton Jr.

December 27, 2021

Raymond Dee Norton Jr. of Madison, WI passed away surrounded by his family after a 7 year battle with Scleroderma on December 27th. Born in Walla Walla, WA he called many places home over his lifetime. As a child he moved several times also living in Florida, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. He joined the Army at age 18 which took him to Germany 3 different times, Okinawa, Louisiana, Alabama and Colorado. He retired from the Army after 22 years in 1992 and made Wisconsin his final place to call home.

Ray was blessed to have 2 great loves during his lifetime. He married his first wife, Christine, at age 18 in 1970, which graced him with 2 daughters and a son and 32 years of marriage. Priscah became his second wife in 2014 in which he was blessed again to gain another daughter.

Ray had many interests and hobbies throughout his life. He had a huge love for science fiction and even held his own science fiction convention for a few years in Janesville, WI. His other loves included trains, D&D and role playing games. He even wrote and produced his own role playing games in the mid 1980's. Ray had many small businesses over the years including hobby stores, flea markets, online stores, and worked as a photographer. He most recently was helping his wife Priscah to fulfill her dream of opening a coffee shop/bakery. Once an entrepreneur always an entrepreneur!

Of his many accomplishments, having the titles of father, grandfather, and husband were the most important to him. He was preceded in death by his father Raymond Norton Sr., his mother Marvel Norton, and his first wife

Christine (Bennett) Norton. He is survived by his wife Priscah Norton, his daughters Mary (Jody) Staveness of Madison, WI, Stacia (Harold) Steen, and Dorothy (Nathan) Lewis and his son Thomas Norton all of Janesville ,WI, his granddaughter Lindsay Steen and great-grandson Novak Hardekopf of Colorado Springs, CO, and grandson Joshua Steen of Peoria, IL., his sister Melinda (Roy) Crooms of Jacksonville, FL, and his brother Edward (Elizabeth) Ellickson of Marietta, GA as well as many nieces and nephews and sisters and brothers-in-law.

Funeral service will be at noon on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Rosman Funeral Home with visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. Burial in Floral Lawn Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Lawn Cemetery

835 Dearborn Avenue  
South Beloit, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brian Mark and Rosman Funeral Homes  
1125 Cranston Rd  
Beloit, WI 53511  
(608) 364-4477  
jarod@williams-fs.com  
<https://rosmanfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ray will be so very missed. Lance and I will always be thankful for the unconditional love you and Priscah gave us. RIP cousin. Heaven gained an amazing man.

Valerie Thomas - January 04, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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“ Mangeni My prayers are with you at this trying moment. May God give you strength at this trying time. Ray is at Peace!! No more suffering

Fanice from Canada - January 04, 2022 at 05:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Dee Norton Jr..



January 03, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Dee Norton Jr..



January 03, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raymond Dee Norton Jr..*



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January 03, 2022 at 07:24 AM



“ *Chuck Markin lit a candle in memory of Raymond Dee Norton Jr.*



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**Chuck Markin** - December 30, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *I have known Ray sense we were kids. I considered him another big brother. Our mothers were best friends. Ray will be loved and missed by a lot of people. Fly high big brother and you and Marv stay out of trouble. Love to the family.*



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**Linda Markin** - December 30, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *I came to know Ray virtually through KWITU and walking the journey with our sister Mangeni Norton. We saw the resilience through the sickness and now we say to Mangeni and family May God be gracious to you and grant you peace that passes all understanding during this time of sorrow. Much love and prayers, Florence Tela*

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**florence tela** - December 30, 2021 at 06:33 AM

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“ *May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you and your family during this unfortunate time. Our most sincere condolences.*  
*Julius & family*



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**julius k Bob** - December 29, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Dee Norton Jr..*



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December 29, 2021 at 08:30 PM