



Norman Zmora

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With loving fondness, we sadly announce the passing of our beloved husband and brother, “King” Norman Zmora. Norman, 86, died peacefully on October 4, 2021, in the devoted care of the teams at Lilly’s Villa II in La Jolla, CA and Sonata Hospice. Norm was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 7, 1935, the oldest child of Joseph and Bertha (Sank) Zmora. He grew up in Brooklyn, making lifelong friends and proudly rooting for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Norman moved to Poway, California in 1959 to live on his uncle’s sheep ranch... a far cry from Brooklyn.

Norman adopted sunny San Diego as his home and loved to tell everyone else that there was nowhere as wonderful as his “Paradise.” Norman married Jane Jones of Hutchinson, Kansas in 1969. Their deep love lasted until his final days. Norman was a savvy businessman, first in the printing business and then in real estate, an occupation where his personal warmth combined with negotiating skills brought him success and joy. For many, Norman filled the bill of “most unforgettable character.” He made friends easily and loved staying close with family and friends, surprising all with a call on birthdays and anniversaries. He was dubbed unofficial mayor of the La Jolla YMCA, where he spent almost as much time schmoozing as working out. He was quick to help whenever and wherever he could, and enjoyed making Meals on Wheels rounds for years.

Norman is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Jane (Jones) Zmora; younger sister Charlotte Fahn and her husband, Stanley Fahn, and youngest sister Marion Cushner; and nieces and nephews Stan and Kathleen Jones, Shelly and Bernie Grisaffi, Paul and Maggie Fahn, Jim and Ping Fahn, Krista and Christopher Pierce, Troy and Leigh Kriley, Jason Cushner and Sarah Bertucci, Stefani and Kyle Hartsfield; and many loving great nieces and nephews.

A service will be held in Norman’s memory at Greenwood Memorial Park on Sunday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the United Jewish Federation of San Diego: <https://www.jewishinsandiego.org/>, or to the Parkinson's Foundation: <https://www.parkinson.org/>.



Events

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Memorial Service


 **Sunday**, October 10, 2021


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113



Cemetery Details

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 **(619) 450-1479**





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Stefani Hartsfield shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Lori Rosenthal Mauzy: "King" Norman was one of a kind. I remember visiting him when I was younger at his awesome house in La Jolla. I was shocked that his bathroom had a soaking tub with a TV mounted on the wall and a "sun roof" in his bathroom! I remember being in there in a bubble bath, talking on his phone (yes, there was one in the bathroom!) to my friends at home in MD while watching tv and eating snacks on the tray that laid across the tub. He and cousin Jane had the coolest bedroom. A huge bed that they could each adjust their sides how they wanted (like a hospital bed) and they had a tv mounted from the ceiling. This was back in the 80's when no one was mounting tv's. He also had a dog named...Prince. He took us everywhere when we were there (in his car with his license plate KNZ1 - King Norman Zmora the 1st) My last visit out there was when I was in high school and he took me shopping at a huge mall where I found a Homecoming dress. Anytime we asked how far something was from his house, the answer was "ehhh...15, 20 minutes." Every year, without fail, he would call on our birthdays. Whenever we had a bad snow storm here he would always call to tell us how they were having a horrible cold stream in CA- temps were in the low 60's! He always had a smile on his face, always cared and asked about what was going on in our lives, and was one of my very favorite cousins. I'm so glad my kids were able to meet The King when he came out for Sean's naming and Mother's Day a few years later. I'm pretty sure that was the year he and Stan took the metro and fell asleep and woke up at the end of the line completely missing their stop. King Norman, you were one of a kind and sure will be missed. ❤️

October 8 at 12:03 PM



Karen N. Padovani June 24 at 10:38 AM

My mother, Frances Nadler, lived just across the street from Norm and Jane, and when I visited my mother in the summertime coming from Rome, Italy, I would always look forward to my walks with Norm.. We usually started out at our homes and walked all the way to UCSD or Norm would take us in his car to take a long walk around the Bay.. Sometimes we'd take a walk in La Jolla along the coastline.. I'll never forget Norm because of his sharp mind and his unending kindness.. He really was a special kind of person.. My wish for Norm is that he Rests In Peace.. but I'm sure he's still taking his long walks with the Angels now.. Karen N. Padovani



Stefani Hartsfield posted:

Lisa Brockman Cox: Today we lost a King. King Norman Zmora. He was loved by so many. A heart of gold. Thanks for being my San Diego tour guide..oh and that 1 day cruise to Tijuana, that was an experience I'll never forget. So many great memories of him and will forever miss his phone calls on birthdays and anniversaries. Rest in Paradise King Norman

October 7 at 10:25 AM



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Stefani Hartsfield shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Kevin Rosenthal: A sad morning as one of our favorite and influential cousins has crossed the finish line. Rest is Peace Cousin (King) Norman. Our priceless stock market conversations over the years and the trip to Padres Stadium will always be remembered



October 7 at 10:22 AM



Stefani Hartsfield shared an album called **Memories Album**.



October 7 at 4:59 AM



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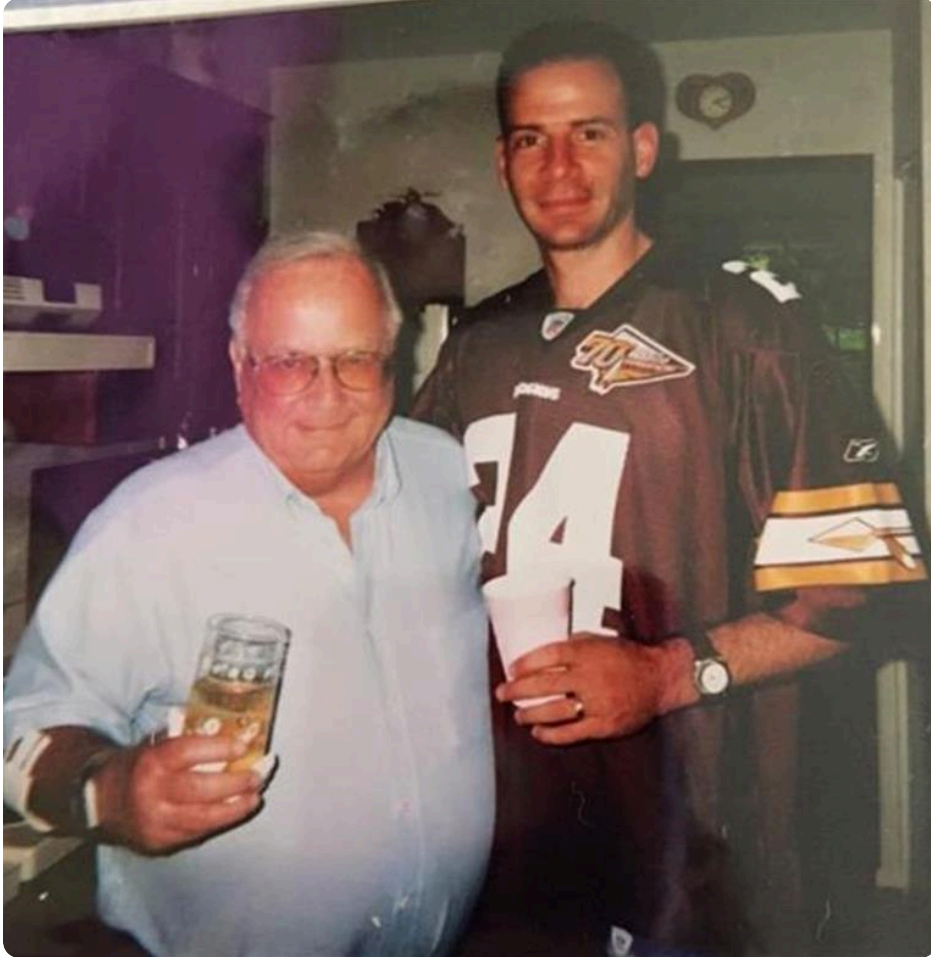
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Kevin and Norm



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Stefani Hartsfield shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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