



Norman Parkes Grinager

December 8, 2021

Norman Parkes Grinager, 78, of Millersville, PA, passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from a brief, but hard-fought battle with cancer. Born in Abilene, TX, he was the son of the late Norman Lars Grinager and Mary Elizabeth (Millington) Grinager Adams.

Norman graduated from Liberty High School in Bethlehem, PA. He married his high school sweetheart Diane (Hanzelman) Grinager on July 31, 1965. It was a great love that lasted 56 years. Norman entered the United States Navy in 1962 and proudly served on the U.S.S. Columbus CG12 in the far east, earning an Armed Services Expeditionary Medal. After returning home, he earned his BA in Psychology from Millersville University, and his MA in Public Administration from Penn State University. Norman worked for the city of Lancaster for over 40 years in administration as Director of Community Development and Block Grant Programs. He was the director of the Lancaster S.E. Health Center at its inception. He was a member of the Lancaster Library Board, the Human Resources Commission, and the Lancaster County Art Association.

Norman was a talented artist and did many commissioned paintings, most notably the poster for the MS Society Fundraiser, and the Sights of Lancaster County Rotary Club. His painting of the U.S.S. Lancaster resides in the permanent collection in City Hall. He was an avid runner, completing 73 road

races, 8 marathons, 13 duathlons, 2 triathlons, and 6 cycling events.

Norman's number one priority in life was his family. He was a devoted husband and proud father, grandpa, and paw paw.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Melissa Schaefer (Luis Diaz), Ashley Zook (Andrew), grandchildren: Allison, Justin, Matthew, Lisa, Josh, and Kate, sister, MaryAnna Schlicher, and brother, Daniel Grinager. He was preceded in death by his stepparents, Milton Adams and Leonore Richardson Grinager, twin sisters, Gwendolyn and Pamela Grinager and sister, Barbara Hellstrom.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Funeral Service on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA with military funeral honors. A viewing will be held from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service.

To view the livestream of the service, please use the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/9075895963>

Interment will be held privately by family.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **16.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Parkes Grinager*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 15, 2021 at 10:23 AM

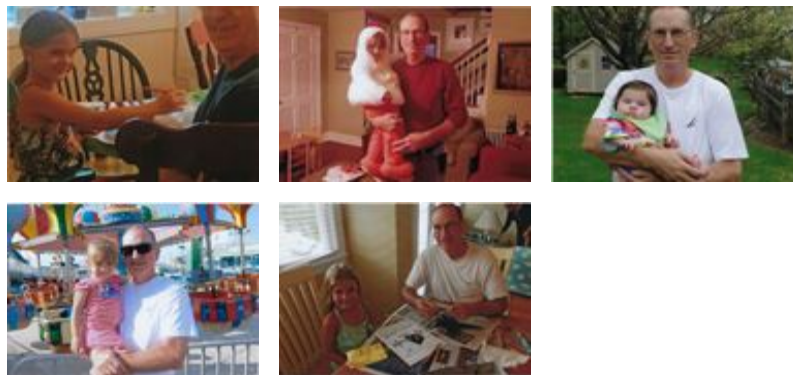


“ *Norman Parkes Grinager*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 16, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ 72 Nibblers Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Parkes Grinager.



December 15, 2021 at 03:03 PM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 15, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ 114 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - December 14, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Diane, condolences and prayers are with you and your family ... Norm is deeply missed ... in 1976 in hiring me at City Hall it is no exaggeration that he gave me a career ... I remain forever grateful ... may perpetual light shine upon him*

Ted Knorr - December 14, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SG

“ *Diane, we send our love and support as you say goodbye to Norm. We enjoyed the time we spent together at Trinity and I enjoyed working with him in the city.*

May God bless you with beautiful memories until you meet again.

Susan & John Garofola

susan garofola - December 13, 2021 at 06:10 PM

MA

“ *Mary A. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Norman Parkes Grinager.*



Mary A. - December 13, 2021 at 09:01 AM

KM

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. I have many fond memories playing in the Grinager home growing up, with my best friend Ashley. I remember seeing all the beautiful artwork created by Norman in the basement and I remember how kind Norman was. My love and prayers to you all. - Kelly Hoffer Musser*

Kelly Musser - December 13, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman Parkes Grinager.*



December 12, 2021 at 01:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman Parkes Grinager.*



December 11, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Norman was a beautiful human being, and his great love for his wife, daughters and grandchildren was one of his many outstanding virtues. As his coworker for 40 years, I have nothing but respect for this thoughtful, intelligent, and kind man.*

Paula Jackson - December 11, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Parkes Grinager.*



December 10, 2021 at 09:37 PM

RM

“ *The earth has lost a great man. Prayers to the family for strength in their hearts.* ”

Rachael Metzger - December 10, 2021 at 09:05 PM