



Norman W. Abare, Sr

May 8, 2019

Norman W. Abare, Sr. passed away on May 8, 2019. Norman was the beloved husband of 61 years of the late Rosemarie Abare. Born in his cherished hometown of Winchendon, Massachusetts on March 29, 1927, Norman was the son of the late Louis N. Abare and Helen (Corbett) Abare. Norman graduated from Murdock High School in 1945, was drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany during World War II. When he returned from the war, he attended radio and television repair school in Cambridge. He worked for many years at his family's business, The Louis N. Abare Company, selling and fixing furniture and appliances. After discovering a love for flying on his Aeronca Chief, he became an airline pilot for Northeast Airlines and eventually Delta Airlines, where he worked for nearly thirty years. But, the real love of his life was his wife, Marie. Together they built a beautiful home and family in Winchendon. In recent years, Norman and Marie also enjoyed spending time with their family in Farmington, CT. Norman was a devoted husband and father, a loyal brother and brother-in-law, a loving grandfather, a good friend and a man who drew strength from his deep Catholic faith. What was most important to Norman was spending time with his family and taking care of them. He was known to invariably have a project going at home or at the home of his children and was always there to help.

Norman was predeceased by his wife Rosemarie and his daughter Joan

Marchi. He is survived by his children Rose-Ann Abare of Farmington, Mary Lenehan and her husband Kevin of Cheshire, Helen Liguori and her husband Mike of Pittsburgh, son-in-law Brian Marchi of Somers, Norman Abare and his wife Jenna of West Hartford and Kathryn O'Connell and her husband Greg of West Hartford; grandchildren Kathryn Lenehan, Kevin Lenehan, Patrick Lenehan, Elena Liguori, Cecilia Liguori, Lucia Liguori, Regina Liguori, Michael Liguori, Connor Marchi, Joseph O'Connell, Timothy O'Connell, Caroline O'Connell and Zachary Abare. He also leaves behind his sister, Marilyn Abare, sister-in-law Theresa Smith and brother-in-law Leo Smith. He was predeceased by his brother Robert Abare, sisters-in-law June Smith, Ellen Pepi and Claire Abare, brothers-in-law Paul Smith, Henry Smith and Jerome Pepi. Norman also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to the Molloy Funeral Home at 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Monday May 13th from 4:00-7:00 PM. A mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HARC, Inc. 900 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105.

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *My condolences to Norm's family. I remember Norm as being a pleasure to fly with. Always will be one of my favorite Captains !*
Dave Carson

david carson - May 14, 2019 at 11:46 AM

WL

“ *A wonderful guy to fly with and as good, decent and solid a human being as I have ever met!*

Walt Lacey

Walter Lacey - May 14, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.*



May 13, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.*



May 12, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.*



May 11, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ *Norm was a consumate gentlemen, and easy going a man as there ever was. Thoroughly enjoyed flying with him over the years.*

Carl Larson

Carl Larson - May 10, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *The Moak Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.*



The Moak Family - May 10, 2019 at 12:06 PM

WW

“ Being scheduled to fly all month with Captain Norm always put a smile on my face. Not only was he a pleasure to work with; but a very professional and proficient pilot. We worked many months together. First, myself as his "Plumber"(Flight enginner) , then later First Officer. His leadership was flawless and his relaxed demeanor carried over to those working with him. And Norm knew how to relax! He is top of the list for being a great pilot and good guy! If there can be any solice to Norm's large family; Saint Peter welcomed him with open arms. Wilt Wiltshire- Maine and Florida

Wayne wiltshire - May 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM

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“ Norm and I started with NEA on 12/18/1957. Remember talking of our similar airplanes. His Aeronca Chief and my Taylorcraft. Also remember his love of his wife as I do mine!! A nice man!!
Bill Larson

Bill Larson - May 10, 2019 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ The Liguori Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.



The Liguori Family - May 10, 2019 at 09:35 AM

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“ God’s speed Captain Abare. Norm was a good and kind gentleman.. His love of flying never faded and he was a joy to fly with. I’m sure he will be sorely missed.
Joyce and I will keep Norm’s family and friends in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless.
Fred and Joyce Tammany, Lander, WY

Fred Tammany - May 09, 2019 at 06:11 PM

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“ Your Co-workers and friends at Sikorsky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman W. Abare, Sr.



Your Co-workers and friends at Sikorsky - May 09, 2019 at 04:17 PM