



## Norman Everett Severance

October 5, 1926 - August 7, 2024

Norman Everett Severance made his entrance into this world on October 5, 1926 in Albany, California to Harland and Vesta Severance the second of seven children. He peacefully departed with family at his side on August 7, 2024.

With sadness, he was preceded in death by his first wife (and mother of his children) Margaret Edith Anliker Severance, his second wife Marjie Lamberton Severance and siblings Kenneth Severance and Verna Endreson.

Beautiful Margaret Severance caught his eye at Gladstone Camp meeting in Oregon. As part of their courtship, he entertained her by playing his guitar and singing "Let the Rest of the World Go By." He created their first little nest with his pal good and true after their marriage at Laurelwood, Oregon, June 27, 1948

They feathered their nest when their first daughter, Jean, born in 1949; followed by son, Edwin, born in 1951, while Norman continued his studies at Walla Walla College.

Norman completed his studies in education from Walla Walla College in 1953. His first position as a teacher was in Great Falls, Montana where he taught grades 1-8 for three years and where he further feathered his nest when his

youngest daughter Kathy was born in 1954.

Moving closer to family, he then taught grades 5-8 in Dora, Oregon for two years.

For his next adventure he fell in love with the desert when in 1958, he moved to Thunderbird Academy, Scottsdale, Arizona, where he taught Spanish and Typing for 12 years.

He then taught Spanish, typing and was also Librarian starting in 1970 at Fresno Adventist Academy, Fresno, California. While there, wedding bells rang for all three of his children!

Next in 1975, he taught Spanish, typing and was Librarian at Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington. During his time at UCA, they found their place of perfect peace and built a cabin close to Deer Park, Washington.

In 1983, he began his last position as librarian at Weimar Institute, Weimar, California, which was the idyllic ending to his rewarding career. He then retired and volunteered at Weimar for several years spending his summers in his place of perfect peace close to Deer Park, Washington.

He moved to Chloride, Arizona, in 1999 where he built a house and his love of the desert flourished. He continued volunteering at Weimar for several more years.

He lost his beautiful wife Margaret in January, 2008. Then, while on a visit to his sisters in Dallas, Oregon, he was introduced to the sweet Marjie Lamberton. After a whirlwind courtship they were married in October of 2010. Their first few years were spent between Dallas, Oregon, and Chloride, Arizona. They finally settled on Chloride as their home base. Then sweet

Marjie passed to her rest January 2022.

Norman kept in contact with many of his former students. For as many years as he was able, he attended weddings and graduations of his students. He also attended every Thunderbird Academy alumni reunion after he retired until Covid. He attended as many reunions as he could prior to retirement.

Sharing God's love was always a priority for Norman. He carried pamphlets on Bible truths and gave them out whenever he could. In a conversation with anyone, even strangers, he would share the Bible and invite them to church.

He is survived by siblings: Sylvia Easter Brand, Virgil Severance, James Severance and Carol McAllister. Children, Jean Wruck (Al,) Ed Severance (Anita) and Kathy Marson (Bob.) Grandchildren Teresa Dybdahl nee Eris May, Dwight Dybdahl, Scott Severance (Tendi,) Steve Severance (Heather,) Ben Marson (Becca,) Aaron Marson (Lehui Liao,) and Abby Wilcox (Scott). Great Grandchildren Kevin Severance, Amy Severance, Kalani Marson, Adilee Wilcox and Bailee Wilcox.

Memorial Services will be held November 16, 2024, 2 pm at the Kingman Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3180 N White Cliffs Rd Kingman AZ 86409. Donations may be made in Norman's memory to:

Thunderbird Adventist Academy  
Office of Advancement - Worthy Student  
7410 E Sutton Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

NOV 16. 2:00 PM (MT)

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