



## Wilbur L. Norman

March 5, 1926 - January 8, 2016

Wilbur L. Norman, 89 of Cincinnati, formerly of Zanesville, died 6:40 PM, Friday, January 8, 2016 at Cottingham Retirement Community in Cincinnati following a lengthy illness. He was born Friday, March 5, 1926 in Chesterhill, Ohio, the son of William Franklin Norman and Rosa (Stonaker) Norman. He married his wife of over 64 years, Greta Norman on Friday, August 24, 1951.

Wilbur served his country as a veteran of the United States Army serving during WWII and retired, following many years of service, from Citizens National Bank. Wilbur was an accomplished jazz guitar and piano musician and played with the greats of the Jazz World all over the United States. He was the 6th generation grandson of Revolutionary War veteran and early Ohio settler Bazil Norman and an 8th generation descendant of Irish immigrant to the New World (1695), Jane Norman.

In addition to his beloved wife; Greta, Wilbur is survived by one daughter and her husband: Dawn & Willie C. Brooks of Cincinnati; one son and his wife: Wilbur L. Norman, Jr. & Donna M. Nova of Santa Fe, NM; two grandchildren: Devin C. Brooks of Chicago and Martina R. Brooks of Cincinnati; one sister: Lucy Norman and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents and 10 brothers and sisters.

Friends may call two hours prior to funeral services from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville where Funeral Services will follow at 1:00 PM with Rev. Terry F. Newman officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with VFW Post 1058, American Legion Post 29 and the United States Army conducting Full Military Honors. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

548 Pershing Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur L. Norman*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Greta and the Norman Family*

*This is to offer my condolences for your loss of Wilber. I have long been in awe of him, his talents, and his great life experiences. He was a delight when he shared his wisdom, the history of his life, and the history of his people. The time I spent with him was precious to me.*

*Beyond my own sense of loss, I speak on behalf of the membership of the Multicultural Genealogical Center who were enriched by his knowledge of the Norman and extended families of the region when I say, "Wilber will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of coming in contact with him."*

*Ada Woodson Adams, President, Multicultural Genealogical Center*

Ada Woodson Adams - January 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *Dear Greta...we were so sorry to hear about Wilbur....we think often of you and Wilbur and the times we spent together back in the day. We did not see the notice until after the funeral but pray that God will comfort your heart during this time. Jerry & Mary Gamble*

mary gamble - January 14, 2016 at 09:44 AM

DC

“ Dick & Celestine purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Wilbur L. Norman.



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**Dick & Celestine** - January 12, 2016 at 11:21 AM

AU

“ Mrs. Norman, Lee and Dawn - I just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you and wishing you comfort at this time of loss.

*Amy (Pyle) Underwood*

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**Amy Underwood** - January 12, 2016 at 07:42 AM

RD

*Dawn, Lee, Ms Greta and family please accept my heartfelt condolences at the passing of your beloved father and husband. May the peace and strength of The Lord bring you comfort today and in the days ahead . You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love and blessings, Gloria Wade Dillon*

*Dawn give me a call sometime 937-376-3277.*

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**Rev. Dr. Gloria Wade Dillon** - January 13, 2016 at 02:53 PM

AB

*Mrs. Norman. Lee and Dawn, I was so sorry to hear of your husband and father's passing. Know that many prayers are being spoken to bring comfort to your family. Dawn, Gloria made me aware of your father's transition. When you have time, please contact me at 734-497-0886. Blessings!*

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**Angela Ayres Blunt** - January 14, 2016 at 11:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wilbur L. Norman.



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January 12, 2016 at 12:23 AM



“ *Dawn and Family:*

*I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Vicki Newman*

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**Vicki Newman** - January 11, 2016 at 05:33 PM

BB

“ *When traveling from Lansing, Mi. to Zanesville every June, we always made sure to make time for our visits to Uncle Wilbur! We knew it would be a lengthy one for it was always filled with history lessons of family & cultural issues! We will truly miss these. After the tears have ceased, and goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we all have shared. This will help keep him alive in our hearts and minds. May you take comfort in the fact that you are surrounded by a family that loved him dearly. Our deepest condolences to you Aunt Gretta, Dawn, Lee and family. May God Bless you and give you the strength you need during this time.*



*From Brenda and Family, Aunt Tootie and Family.*

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**Brenda Benton** - January 11, 2016 at 01:46 PM

BG

“ *Mrs. Norman, Dawn and Lee, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers. Bev (Gheen) Gibson*

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**Bev (Gheen) Gibson** - January 11, 2016 at 01:05 PM

DT

“ *To Greta. Dawn ,and Lee, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. There wil never be a repacement for "Web". He was one of a kind. May God comfort you and conole you, but know He is at peace without pain or distress.Hugs and Prayers . Dick and Celestine and family.*

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**Dick & Celestine Tabler** - January 11, 2016 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Juanita Walker Robison

Richard N. Robison - January 11, 2016 at 08:26 AM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we pray the God of all comfort infuse you with his peace and strength. Love you. Carmen Dandridge and family.

Carmen Dandridge - January 10, 2016 at 10:59 AM

MN

“ To The Norman Family, May Our Heavenly Father give you peace and comfort during time. We will keep you in our prayers .  
Victor & Michelle Renee' Norflee's Family



michelle norflee - January 09, 2016 at 08:39 PM

MY

Greta I have missed seeing you at the senior center in Zanesville. Didn't realize you were in ,Cincinnati with Wilber.  
I will keep you in my prayers and hope to see you again soon  
I'm so sorry for your loss.  
Mary Ann Young

Mary Ann Young - January 12, 2016 at 07:36 PM

LP

Greta, Dawn, Lee & family...I was sorry to hear of Wilbur's passing. I pray that you can find comfort & peace at this difficult time. Let all of your wonderful memories sustain you. I always recall the impromptu jam sessions of Wilbur & his friends. He was so musically talented & full of information about so many subjects. Gone, but never forgotten....Love,  
Lorraine Wallace Portis

Lorraine Wallace Portis - January 13, 2016 at 04:37 AM