



## Norvell Osborn

May 12, 1927 - January 11, 2023

Norvell Osborn, age 95, passed away on January 11, 2023 in Spring, Texas. The Addison Family and staff of Addison Funeral Home send our deepest condolences to Norvell's family and friends during this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ Still deeply saddened over the loss of Norv. He was a friend, colleague, boss, mentor and partner in crime (all legal of course). We also enjoyed any number of conferences , dinners & parties with him and Joyce in many locations. As everyone knows, Norv was a wonderful companion and had a million contacts around the world. We became close while he was running the Central Region for Gray Tool Company. His close friend and running buddy was Warren Bayer in New Orleans and there were a lot of customer visits together in the 70's & 80's. During the late 1970's, there was an extensive sales training program in Houston. Norv & I were on the same team. We both noticed that one of the Sales Managers from Central Texas never laughed when everyone did but laughed at other things by himself. It wasn't malicious but we laughed about this for many, many years. Norv was also responsible for my first big promotion to Regional Manager in Canada and learning how to operate in a foreign country. This would be invaluable many years later. Norv & Joyce seemed to love visiting Canada. I think he spent some time there with McEvoy and of course, he knew everyone in the business. This would exhibit itself again when we were given the contract to provide wellhead & services in Kuwait after the first Gulf War. Norv had all the contacts with key industry publication leaders to help us get the story out about the company's activities supporting the firefighting. I like to think this was a time of genuine redemption for Norv. In my opinion he was not treated appropriately during the ABB takeover and this was a chance to show how a professional & gentleman really does things. I Vicki & I owe Norv a lot. I hope I said this enough times for him and Joyce to understand. I am no try h happy and humbled by the care given to him by Mike & Anne in the last phase of his life. I want them to know prayers of gratitude are said for them everyday. We can only hope for similar support in the years ahead. God rest his soul

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Noel Monjure - March 17, 2023 at 09:47 PM

BM

*Thanks Noel. That was a beautiful piece that fills in many blanks for mom and I. She is Nancy Osborn Meyer and is the youngest and last surviving of the 6 siblings. Reconstructing the life and times of this remarkable man has not been easy. Through regular chats on the telephone and several visits over the years I heard stories but didn't record them so am missing crucial dates and names from his history. I am working on a piece to post as well and will put it in the Winfield newspaper once I have a more well-rounded perspective on the information.*

*Bambi Janicke Magraw, niece*

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**Bambi Janicke Magraw** - April 22, 2023 at 12:02 PM

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“*Sad to lose Norv, but happy that he had a very long life, and a wonderful life partner in Joyce. Met both for the first time in 1972 as a new hire at Gray Tool International. Bob McGowen told me to take two people to Intercontinental to catch their flight back to London. They were Norv and Joyce. The entire ride they talked and engaged with me on a sincere level, like I was more than a "worm" new hire, and invited me to visit their flat if I ever made it to London. Over the some 38 years with Gray Tool, I had the good fortune to work for and alongside Norv. He was a very generous mentor, never avoiding important customer introductions or withholding information, as some less confident are prone to do. Never saw him be unfair or vindictive. Always engaging, witty, and a great host, as was his bride. In later years, my wife Linda got to meet them and afterward she always looked forward so much to the occasions were were with them. RIP Norv, and Joyce. You made my life better. This comment would not be complete without a heartfelt "Thank You" to Mike and Ann Walker, but of course words are inadequate for their great gift. They devoted countless hours and days to attending Norv during his years after Joyce passed. I saw their kindness and compassion firsthand more than once, and can't thank them enough for what they did.*

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**Steve Davis** - January 29, 2023 at 02:09 PM

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“ Norv was a great boss, father figure and fiend for over 45 years. A man of many talents, a comedian and entertainer, an advisor and a pleasure to be around. I was fortunate to be able to travel with him and to see a real pro in action. My wife Alex and I send our appreciation and gratitude to Ann and Mike Walker for all they did for Joyce and Norv in their later years. Joyce and Norv were loved by many and will be missed.

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**Byron Neal** - January 21, 2023 at 09:21 AM

TW

“ My sincere condolences are with Norv's loved ones. He was an exceptional boss and mentor during the years I worked for him at Gray Tool. I am forever grateful for the knowledge and experience he gave me. May he rest in God's eternal paradise.

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**Thelma (Hoover) West** - January 19, 2023 at 09:46 PM

RR

“ My condolences go to the Osborn family. Norv was a great friend and mentor during my early work years at Gray Tool. Many fond memories of road trip adventures with him

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**Rob Richman** - January 19, 2023 at 08:26 AM

MW

“ *Fondest memories of a lifetime association. From early 1968 North Sea Boss and Boy Trainee for North Sea Drilling Services and McEvoy Equipment. Colleagues Bill Cottam, Bill McPherson, Morris Nightingale, Bob Clark, John Baldwin, Collin Gunning. Separate careers, and then re-united in 2000 when we moved to Spring and found Norv and Joyce just around the corner. Close friends, Ann with Joyce, and Mike with Norv for past 22+ years.*

*We lost Joyce in 2000 and now Norv to Covid in January 2023  
Norvell Jack Osborn 5-12-27 Winfield, Kansas until 1-11-23.*

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**Mike and Ann Walker** - January 18, 2023 at 03:56 PM

TS

“ *A lot of memories make me smile when I think of Uncle Norv. He will be missed by many. Rest in peace. Love always, Tracey, Jeff, Matt, and TJ Suchlandt.*

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**Tracey Suchlandt** - January 17, 2023 at 01:30 PM

BH

“ *Very sad to hear of the passing of our Uncle Norv. He was a very kind man to us "kids" and a very loving husband to our dear Aunt Joyce. I miss discussing world events with him on the phone, and regret not being able to see him for the last number of years. Rest easy Uncle Norv.*

*Love  
Bill & Kim Holowatiuk*

*-A very special thank you to Ann and Mike Walker for talking such great care of Uncle Norv after our Aunts passing, much love-*

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**Bill Holowatiuk** - January 16, 2023 at 01:12 PM