



Roger Swanson Norall

September 1, 1928 - May 9, 2016

Roger Swanson Norall, 87 of Tyler passed away Monday, May 9, 2016.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel of Marvin United Methodist Church officiated by Reverend Gerry Giles and under the direction of Stewart Funeral Home. A private family burial will follow at Roselawn Park Cemetery in Palestine, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert and sister Roberta, and nephew Robert.

Roger was born on September 1st, 1928 in Bertrand, Nebraska to Axel and Effie Swanson Norall. Roger graduated from the University of Nebraska as a mechanical engineer. He worked at the Union Carbide plant in Texas City prior to moving to Liberal, Kansas. In Liberal, Roger retired from National Helium, a division of Panhandle Eastern, as president. Roger was a proud 50 year member of the Mechanical Engineers Association.

Roger met and married his wife, Martha DeLaFosse, while in Texas City. They were married for 62 years. Together they enjoyed traveling and making a home for their two children, Jan and Steve.

Roger also enjoyed restoring many of the antique "treasures" that Martha was always on the search for. Upon arrival in Tyler, Roger became involved in the Men's Garden Club and as such became an avid gardener. He also enjoyed the men's bible study at Marvin UMC as well as the Chapel Sunday School class. Roger also relished his time outside tending to his yard and fishing area lakes.

Roger is survived by his wife, Martha, daughter Jan Norall Pipkin and

husband Lee. His son Steve Norall and wife Darlene. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Sarah Pipkin-Love and husband Chance, Rachel Pipkin, and Brandon Norall. Roger was loved by his nieces and nephews Cathy Moreland, Christi Brown, David Botello and Lynn Harkins. Roger was loved by special friends Mark and Patti Bergman.

Honorary pallbearers are members of the Chapel Sunday School class of Marvin UMC.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Marvin UMC chapel organ fund, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 or to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Park Cemetery

207 E. Magnolia St.
Palestine, TX 75801

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Steve, Aunt Darlene, Martha, Jan, Lee, and families thinking of all you.*

Travis Carswell

Travis Carswell - May 11, 2016 at 09:19 PM

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“ *Your PACU family purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Roger Swanson Norall.*



Your PACU family - May 11, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Swanson Norall.*



May 11, 2016 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Steve, Darlene, Martha,
We are thinking and praying for your family during this difficult time.
May the celebration of his life give you comfort.
Bob & Connie Dombroski*

Bob Dombroski - May 11, 2016 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Big hugs to each of you!*
Fondly, Brian and Patti May

Patti May - May 11, 2016 at 11:02 AM

KC

“ *May you take comfort in the blessings of family and friends, and find joy in remembering his life.*

Karen Cody

Karen Cody - May 11, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Jan, Martha, Steve and families - We are thinking of all of you and praying for you. He was always such a sweet man and such a gentle man every time we were around him. Give Martha a big hug from us.*

Cathy and Clay Hubbard

Cathy Hubbard - May 10, 2016 at 08:37 PM