



Emanuel Norfor

August 5, 1950 - February 4, 2011

Reverend Emanuel M. Norfor, Senior Pastor and founder of New Life Apostolic Church, died suddenly on Friday, February 4, 2011. Reverend Norfor, has been a resident of Roswell for almost 32 years. He was born August 5, 1950, in Phoenix, Arizona, the third eldest son of nine children born to John and Anna Norfor. Emanuel graduated from South Mountain High School in Phoenix and received an Associate's degree in Counseling from Phoenix College. He began working for the United States Post Office in October 1969 and transferred from Phoenix to Roswell in May of 1979 when he was called to the pastorate. He married the love of his life, Barbara R. Wilson, on July 7, 1973, and they have two children, Shalena Patrice and Robert Emanuel.

One of Reverend Norfor's passions was baking. His banana nut bread was second to none. He would bake dozens and dozens of loaves trying to satisfy the many requests he would receive. In spite of his quiet demeanor, Emanuel came to life whenever he talked about the Word of God. He was devoted to God, his family, the church, and he had a genuine love for people.

Reverend Norfor was preceded in death by his father, John Norfor; brothers, Thurman, John Edward, and Emmitt; and sister, Cynthia Jackson. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 37 years, Barbara "Peaches"; daughter, Shalena "Shay"; son Robert "Rob," and wife Carla of Albuquerque; mother, Anna Norfor; brothers, Ronny, Joe, and Patrick; sister Clela Joyce Patterson, and husband Earnest of Atlanta, Georgia; his mother-in-law, Betty Wilson; a

host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, in-laws, friends, and his beloved church family.

The wake will be held on Friday, February 11, 2011, at 7 p.m. at New Life Apostolic Church, 1800 W. Bland; and the homegoing celebration will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 500 N. Pennsylvania Ave. in Roswell with burial to follow at South Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 noon on Thursday, February 10th, until 7 p.m. and Friday, February 11th, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to New Life Building Fund to help fulfill his vision for the church. Donations can be made online at www.newlife-roswell.org or mailed to NLAC, P. O. Box 5985, Roswell, New Mexico 88202-5985. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at andersonbethany.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ Emanuel Norfor

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Norfor and New Life families. It was such a blessing to be under Reverend Norfor's leadership, guidance, and teaching. He and Pastor Barbara have truly made a lasting and significant impact on my life. I will forever cherish his memory. Pastor Barbara, Shay, and Rob, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep you during this time of bereavement . I love you very much!!!

Starrlyn J. McMillan - February 13, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ To the Norfolk Family and New Life Church Family. My love,passion,prayers,and everything within me goes out to you guys. Can't say how hurt I am for you guys.But as we as believers know that God knows his business and don't know our help. What peaceful place to be but the pains stays but time will answer all pain and JOY is there waiting for them that will recieve it. I'm praying for both of your families. God will bless you as a whole.

Tracie J Cheatem-Cooper - February 13, 2011 at 03:46 PM



“ To 1st Lady Barbara Norfor and to the family. With heartfelt sympathy, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you. That God will comfort you during this difficult time. We will always remember Pastor Norfor as a kind gently man. But he was a Master, when it came to preaching, teaching, G0ds word. We love you.

Pastor John & 1st Lady Linda Johnson - February 13, 2011 at 12:50 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. I am so sorry that I could not attend the funeral services.

Jane and the Division of Health faculty and staff

Jane Batson - February 12, 2011 at 12:08 PM

SD

“ To the Norfor family:
I worked with Emanuel for many years at the post office in Roswell. My son, James has worked on your cars for several years. Even after we both retired, Emanuel would always stop and visit when we ran into each other. God's Blessings to all of you.

Susan Davidson Postmaster, retired Roswell, NM 88201

Susan Davidson - February 11, 2011 at 10:06 PM

BO

“ our prayer and love are with the family during this time.

Bro and Sis Sam Outlaw - February 11, 2011 at 03:15 PM

VW

“ To the Norfor Family
My thoughts and Prayers go out to you with sincere sympathy from my Heart. Pastor Norfor was a very good man and and Awesome Preacher and a man Called from God. He will be greatly missed. May Now May He Rest In The Arms Of Jesus.

Verna White - February 10, 2011 at 05:18 PM

M(

“ Dear Mrs.Norfor,
Hello this Rozie Jones and I wanted to say how sorry for your loss. He was a great man and surely be miss. You and husband gave me and my mom hope with god and we really enjoy your family service at your church. We will always be in are prays and god bless you and your family. If you need anthing that we can help you and your family please let us know. Can be reach at (575)910-3905 anytime.Again sorry for your loss and I will be praying for you and your family. with love Rozie Jones

maria jones (rozie) - February 10, 2011 at 01:01 PM

TM

“ I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPORT AND MEMORIES THROUGH ALL THE YEARS. PASTOR WAS TRULY LIKE A FATHER TO ME, THANK YOU FOR LEAVING SUCH A BLESSED IMPRINT IN MY LIFE...YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERD...

Tarra Morgan - February 10, 2011 at 01:00 PM

EV

“ My sympathy is with Shay and Barbara in this great loss. Both were so blessed to have Rev.Norfor as their head of household and constant encourager. The family's love radiated into the community in Christian service. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless us through those who remain.

Erlinda Vale - February 10, 2011 at 12:39 PM

AA

“ Barbra, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Will be thinking of you. Gods blessings you and your wonderful children.

Angie Aragon-Gomez - February 10, 2011 at 11:34 AM

QC

“ *The Cates Family of Albuquerque, NM and Roswell, NM extend their condolences to Co-Pastor Norfor and Family and also Reverend Betty Wilson. We love you.*

Queen B. Cates-Shelton - February 10, 2011 at 11:29 AM

GE

“ *Barbara Jane and I we are sorry for you loss we will keep you and your family on our prayes. your hasband and you came to our rescue by renting a place for our family thank you when we move to roswell. god bless you and your family Jane and Joe*

Gerardo - February 10, 2011 at 09:36 AM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed hear him speak the word of God..*

Belinda Betancur - February 09, 2011 at 11:02 PM

FP

“ *Our prayers go out to you and your family. May God Bless you all in this time of need.*

Freddy and Joann Palomino - February 09, 2011 at 10:46 PM

AS

“ *Although I did not know you that well, I will be forever grateful for the love and guidance that the pastor showed to my son Freddie after we lost our precious Joey in June 08. May your family find some comfort in the fact that he is resting in the arms of his Lord.*

Amanda Sosa - February 09, 2011 at 10:24 PM

BT

“ You're in our thoughts, hearts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless.

Becky Thomas - February 09, 2011 at 08:26 PM

CL

“ I give my condolences to the church family especially pastors family I am sorry about your loss he is now in a better place a place that his always talked about and I am sure his very happy looking down on all of us love you guys

Crystal Larson - February 09, 2011 at 08:19 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Norfor's family during this very difficult time. He is definately singing with the angels now.

Lydia Guajaca Saiz - February 09, 2011 at 05:47 PM

LV

“ Barbara, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the kids. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Lydia Vegara - February 09, 2011 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ He truly lived for the Lord. O What an exaple he was.... I will miss him so much..

Amber Smith - February 09, 2011 at 04:32 PM

FS

“ Pastor you were a model for me i would tell myself that if could just be half the man you were i would be alright. You made me feel welcome in both your church and you home you made me and maria feel like we were a part of you family and i thank you for that. We had many talks about what you wanted for your church and i take it as my responsibility to make sure those things come to pass...you will truly be missed
WELCOME HOME

Freddie Sosa - February 09, 2011 at 03:38 PM

LF

“ Forever In Our Hearts With My Deepest Sympathy Forever in our hearts he'll stay. Our loved one though he's gone away. We'll always keep him near and dear Remembering him we'll shed some tears. But we know it's best this way God called, he answered on his day He's free from this world now. we know such a special place he'll go.. Our memories will keep us warm will comfort us through all our storms memories of the love that we shared The way we loved, the way we cared. Forever in our hearts he'll stay REV. Norfor own a special place in us always. But we'll know we'll see him once more. In Heaven above forever more.
Rev. Norfor will always be special to me he helped me to find my way back from despair. Because of the gift Jesus gave him his sermons always touched my heart. The love he showed his family and his flock he was truly one of God's special people. heart'
Sister Barbara, Shay and Robert my prayers and HUGS ARE WITH YOU ALL
SISTER LYDIA FLORES

LYDIA FLORES - February 09, 2011 at 02:18 PM

GS

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God hold you near through this difficult time. Love, Glenda Smith*

Glenda Smith - February 09, 2011 at 01:39 PM

CL

“ *Ours thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness.*

Cindi Lucero - February 09, 2011 at 01:36 PM