



## Norman W. Bowers

June 19, 1917 - August 16, 2020

Norman Walter Bowers passed away on Sunday, August 16th, 2020. Born in Flint, MI in 1917, Norman had enjoyed a full life and never missed an opportunity to entertain. Though he never boxed, he is pictured demonstrating the left-handed form that won him the nickname, “Kid Bowers”, and if he wasn't clowning around shadow boxing, he was singing a tune while trying to get the ladies to dance with him. His true passion though, was playing the violin.

Once he warmed up, he would play for hours. Norm started violin in Junior High School and played the “fiddle” while his father called the local square dances in Flint, Michigan. Norman had been planning a career with the Flint Symphony Orchestra when his Dad told him to put the violin back in its case and took him to work at the Buick Plant. He stayed with Buick from 1936 through 1974, and attained a Machinist classification through retirement. Once retired, Norman and his family moved from Flint to live on Sage Lake near West Branch. He loved to fish, hunt, and watch the sunsets over the lake. But, he never stopped playing.

He often played at churches throughout Michigan and also in Florida, where he spent his winters. Norm played locally for his neighbors at Brecon Village, The Oaks Adult Day Services in Ann Arbor, for his church at Holy Faith in Saline, at his 100th birthday party, at the local nursery, in the doctor's office, at the Chiropractor's Office, and where ever he had an audience. Legally blind in his later years, he played strictly by memory. He enjoyed Gospel Music, Elvis and Johnny Cash. However, Norm would quickly revert to those old square dance favorites from his youth.

He liked being called “Stormin' Norman” and leaves us with lots of warm memories and stories to tell. He will be missed. To leave a memory you have of Norm, to sign his guestbook or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Norman made an impact on many people’s lives, I feel blessed to be one of them. Found this gem of a video of us dancing back when I worked at Brecon! He always made me smile 😊



Courtney Whitish - August 26, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Norman would always come to Bingo at Brecon, when Natalie and I ran the game. Norman, truly now, “B7, going to heaven”! RIP

Scott Brodie - August 23, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“ I will truly miss him as my bingo buddy. My condolences to the family and friends of this wonderful man.

Natalie Brodie - Smith - August 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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“ What can I say about Norm? He loved to joke and he was very social, he loved his fellow man. He was a prayerful man, as a PCA at Breckon I witnessed this first hand. He enjoyed sharing his love for music. There were many occasions when he played his “fiddle” for us! He lit right up and was glad to share his amazing talent. I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to know, care for and love my friend Norman.

Kat Appleman

Kathy Appleman - August 22, 2020 at 10:05 AM

SM

“ This man right here! He was my right hand man (you who know him know what I mean 😊)

2010 I first meet you, took care of you until 2017 this was my buddy ❤️ Norm you are a great man & you taught me a lot. I think of you often.

I miss you buddy, Love Scottie ❤️

He always called me Scottie.

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**Shannon Mitchell** - August 22, 2020 at 07:10 AM

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“ I loved when Norm and I would take our walks through the halls of Brecon. I was a PCA there for 4 years. After our walks we would sit on the couch outside the dining room and listen to Elvis' "Blue Suede Shoes" He will be missed! I'm so thankful to have met him!

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**Erin Ellicott** - August 22, 2020 at 06:42 AM

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“ He was one of my favorites, as I was a PCA at Brecon for 10 years. I moved to Kentucky and he would call me occasionally.. He would sing to us and tell us stories that would have us laughing for hours! He will forever be missed... love you buddy!

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**Alena Perez** - August 21, 2020 at 11:16 PM