



Norman I. Palmer

February 7, 1934 - February 16, 2026

Norman I. Palmer, 92, of Long Branch, NJ passed away peacefully on February 16, 2026 at home. He was born in the Bronx, New York to the late Herbert and Mildred Klein Palmer.

Norman proudly served our country in the U.S Airforce during the Korean War. He was a member of the Long Branch Elks and Lions Club for many years.

He worked as a mechanic before starting his career as a teacher at Red Bank Regional High School for 16 years and retiring from Lakewood High School after 17 years.

Norman was a devoted amateur radio operator for WE2J. Through the airwaves, he formed lasting friendships across the country and was always eager to share conversation, knowledge and companionship. He had a passion for collecting stamps, where he found joy exploring the stories behind each chosen piece.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Williams Palmer, his loving children, Eileen Brennecke, Darlene Boyer, Walter Whitehead and Linda Marie Whitehead and Linda Erickson, his dear 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and his cherished dog, Abbie.

Visitation will be held at the Bongarzone Funeral Home on Wednesday February 18, 2026 from 4 – 8 p.m. Interment will be held at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran Cemetery on Thursday February 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Norman's memory to Lion's Club International, lionsclubs.org or Long Branch Elks Lodge 742, 150 Garfield Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Burial Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
350 Province Line Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562-2206
(609) 738-2400

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *The most amazing man I have ever met. He loved me unconditionally and loved my children like his own. We had so many wonderful times together and even though life ends our love never will.* ❤️❤️❤️❤️

joyce palmer - February 26 at 05:19 PM

GR

Mr Palmer was my auto shop teacher in 1972-1973 and was the most important teacher I ever had. Mr Palmer prepared his students for the future if you were in his class you were there to learn. Thank you Mr Palmer for helping me and many other students face life after high school RIP.

George Radelat

George Radelat - March 23 at 09:29 AM

EK

Joyce, my most sincere condolences. He was an incredible man whom I know loved me like a son at one point. I have some of the best memories of my life in that house in Elberon. ❤️❤️❤️

Eric Karsh - May 03 at 10:54 AM

EB

“ *Eileen Brennecke lit a candle in memory of Norman I. Palmer*



Eileen Brennecke - February 20 at 09:13 PM

LI

“ You were an amazing husband,father,grandfather you taught many things and you opened you heart and let me in I will miss you terribly and we will keep our promise to take care of mommy thank rest easy we love you 🥺

Lindamarie - February 20 at 07:48 PM

LW

“ Lindamarie Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Norman I. Palmer



Lindamarie Whitehead - February 20 at 09:21 AM

WW

“ Walter Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Norman I. Palmer



Walter Whitehead - February 20 at 09:17 AM

BW

“ Joyce and Family,Norman was a special and unique person, he would call me his Nurse. I would say ok back with them veins. The best part of my day would be Norman and Joyce because he had many jokes. Joyce remember those happy memories and he will always be with you. Prayers and love.Barbara Warren Williams

Barbara Warren Williams - February 19 at 02:47 PM

CH

He was my guidance counselor at Red Bank Regional HS for the four years I was there 1973-77. He gave me great advice.

cherie Hoffman Howard - April 20 at 02:03 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Norman I. Palmer*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 19 at 06:37 AM

PD

Thank you so much to the staff for being so kind and caring. You did an amazing job ❤️

Patricia Dietel - February 19 at 07:46 PM

MR

“ *Rest easy, Pops.
I know you are in a better place now, free from pain, but you will truly be missed. I will forever miss you calling me your “babe.” That always meant so much to me.*

You and Miss Joyce shared so many beautiful years together. The love you had for each other was something special and undeniable. We will be here for her, helping her through this difficult time, just as you would want us to.

Your presence, your voice, and your love will never be forgotten.

*Rest peacefully, Pops. ☐
-Marisa*

Marisa Rodriguez - February 18 at 10:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norman I. Palmer.*



February 18 at 08:41 AM



“ *Joyce, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I know how much you loved Norm and he loved you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Aileen Porter - February 18 at 07:34 AM



“ *Dad you left me with many beautiful memories. Your love is still my guide. Even though you are not here with us, your spirit will be my guide. I love you Dad!*

Eileen Brennecke - February 17 at 07:36 PM



“ *"Norman and Joyce, thank you for believing in us when started with the Lions Club. I know that you and Rich are forming the Heavenly Lions Club. I will always the words of kindness and a friendship we have.*

God Bless your family,

Terri Rosall

Terri Rosall - February 17 at 04:22 PM

DF

“ Norman was my uncle that we spent many summers together in our home in West Islip. Uncle Norman’s life change and those summers were no more unfortunately but I have kept in touch with his girls thru Facebook. He will be definitely be missed by many but also was very lucky to have lived to see his 92nd birthday Feb. 7th. I’m sure he was greeted by many who have not seen him lately and now is Dancing In The Sky. Until you all meet again 🙏🙏🙏

diane frechette - February 17 at 01:51 PM

RB

“ Wonderful man may his memory be a blessing❤️

rachel Burlew - February 17 at 01:14 PM

PD

“ The strongest man I've ever known! Love you so much pop pop💔

Patricia Dietel - February 17 at 12:54 PM

RB

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rachel Burlew - February 17 at 01:13 PM