



# Norman F. Clemons



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## **Norman F. Clemons**

**N**orman F. Clemons left this world on Sunday, April 28, 2019, leaving to grieve him, his devoted wife of almost 18 years: Joyce Hart Clemons. His sister: Marie Waggoner, His 4 children: Gloria Hagen (Warren), Dennis Clemons (Fonda), Pamela Lear (Steven), Norma Pennington (David). Stepchildren: Tom B. Hart (Jan), Joy Wilson, and Jon Anne Hart. His 12 grandchildren: Sheldon Beck (Mindy), Gina Peterson (Scott), Angela Wiltgen (Steve), Laura Stevenson (Mike), Darla Jacoby, Tara Clemons, J.R. Clemons, Eric Clemons, Joshua Lear, Mathew Lear, Alex Pennington (Maddy), and Max Pennington. His 4 step-grandchildren: Lee Hart, Jena Hart, Trey Wilson (Vonna), and Patrick Wilson. He also had 19 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death, in the year 2000, was his childhood sweetheart, and wife of 60 years, Nell (Herrington) Clemons. Norman was born in Sopchoppy, Florida on March 29, 1920 moving to Fort Myers at age six. His seven siblings were always a huge part of his life. Norman served during WWII in the Army's 75th Infantry Division, was wounded and received a Purple Heart. This remarkable man eventually started a successful dairy business with only one cow, which later resulted in Trail Dairy Farm, the Trail Dairy Feed Mill, and Trail Dairy Cage Eggs. The selling of his milk to Hart's dairy, resulted in a lifelong partnership with the Hart family. Norman leaves a legacy of love and a life well-lived, with undaunting optimism and gratitude for the blessings of each day! A Funeral Service for Norm will be celebrated by Pastor Wayne Godsmark at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 4, 2019 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Visitors will be received for an hour preceding this ceremony beginning at 12:00 Noon also inside the funeral home chapel. At the conclusion of these services, family and friends will recess to adjacent Memorial Gardens Cemetery where Military Honors for Norman will be rendered by the Harney Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8463 of Cape Coral. Immediately following these honors, Norman will be laid to rest alongside his first wife Minnie Nell Clemons



## Obituary

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inside the Devotion Garden. To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Norman's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

**Norman F. Clemons**

MC

**Michael Christensen** posted:

Norman Clemons was a indeed a special man. He was hard working and ambitious. His brother in law and partner Alfred Michael Christensen founded Trail Dairy in the late 40's. Yes, they started with one cow. I had the privilege to be part of the Clemons-Christensen extended family while growing up. I have fond memories of the time I spent at Trail Dairy with his son "Buster" Clemons. The family story goes that Norman was shot during World War II while lighting up a cigarette. I wish I had asked him if the story was true. Norman was the last of an industrious four person husband and wife team that made Trail Dairy a success in spite of sometimes poor milk prices and many hurricanes. The Clemons family has a special place in my heart especially his older sister Jean (Clemons) Christensen as she was the kindest person I have ever known.

May 5 at 11:40 AM

PC

**Patti Clifford** posted:

I am a firm believer that God brings people into our lives for a reason. Although I didn't know him long, it was easy to see what a remarkable man Norman was. It's been said that you can tell alot about a man by looking at the family and friends around him. God has another angel and I feel blessed to have known him. I pray that good memories will someday fill the void that his passing has left.

May 5 at 8:33 AM

LH

**Lori Hendry** posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved PaPa. I know he will be greatly miss! Keeping you in thoughts and prayers! Lots of love! Hugs to all! Lori

May 3 at 7:41 PM

BA

**Bill And Becky Allison** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to this wonderful family! Special memories never fade.

May 3 at 4:20 AM

JE

**Jim And Irby English** posted:

Norman was a good friend. He was so likeable and funny, and always had positive things to say. He was a cattleman and a gentleman. We will miss him.

May 2 at 2:31 PM



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**Joe Wright** posted:

What a fine man. I knew Mr. Clemons from the dairy business. He was a contemporary of my late father in law, Charlie Williams. I rode to meetings with Mr. Clemons. What a privilege. He typified the greatest generation. Served in WW II. Was wounded. Rather than be bitter, he was an eternal optimist. Loved his family. I attended his 90th birthday party in a park pavilion. There he was going up and down steps greeting people as they arrived. I was lucky to have known Norman Clemons.

May 1 at 3:45 PM



**Christina (John William, Jack And Kate) Mooney** posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you all as you say "see you later" to precious Pawpaw... He lived a long, loved life and will be missed tremendously. BIG hugs from Georgia... wish we could be there in person.

April 29 at 5:22 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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