



Ira Stephen North

October 24, 1941 - December 28, 2020

Ira Stephen North, Sr. died peacefully in his home on December 28, 2020. He was 79 years old, and he was most commonly known as Steve. He was also widely known as 'Pop.'

Steve North was an attorney for over 50 years, and he served a full eight-year term as a Circuit Court Judge. He also served as a part-time preacher and Sunday School teacher for over 50 years. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather and great-grandfather, an uncle, a brother and a friend. He was a good man.

He graduated from Madison High School and David Lipscomb College. He received his Law Degree at Vanderbilt University.

He is preceded in death by his father Ira Lutts North, his mother Avon Delphine North and his brother Dr. K. Timothy North.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, JoAnn North, his brother Phillip L. North and his sister Dolley Rennie. He is also survived by his sons Stephen North, Jr., Don Mark North (Kristin) and David Paul North (Cherri Beth); grandchildren Anthony North (Alison), Karly North, Lara Harris (Will), JoCee North, Lily North and Myra North, and great-grandchildren Carter North, Ian North, Grace Harris and Ashton North.

A private service will be held at the North Family Farm in Neely's Bend. The grandchildren will serve as Pallbearers, and the great-grandchildren will serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Inner City Ministry and Church of Christ Disaster Relief.

Cemetery Details

North Family Farm

Tribute Wall



“ *Ira Stephen North*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *My dad, Joe Casey, and I want to send our condolences and thank Steve and all of the North family for the friendship and wonderful spirit that all of you have shown to the Caseys and the Herrmans over the years. Steve made such a positive impact on this city in his lifetime.*

Starr Casey Herrman - January 10, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *My mother Joann Hix had surgery today. She asked me to send our love to the North family who has meant so much to our family over the years. We appreciate the memories and send our love.*
Rusty Hix

Rusty Hix - January 08, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Peace to you Joann. What a unique couple. Thank you for all that you and Steve have done to make Nashville a better place to live.*
Joe Driscoll

Joe Driscoll - January 08, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ Dear JoAnn and family: I have very fond memories of Judge North and your entire family. He was the first Circuit judge to hire a lawyer law clerk as his court officer. I was his second clerk after Jeanne Casstevens. I was very grateful to have a job in 1977 as I was a Nashville School of Law Graduate and a woman attorney. He took a chance on me and I was forever grateful. I enjoyed working for him as he loved to discuss the law. He had a great sense of humor. I was privileged to sit in the courtroom and see attorneys do well or not and then discuss the cases later. I learned a lot from him on how to be a good attorney, how to present myself in Court, how to be unafraid in court and challenge the status quo if necessary. He was always generous with his time during that clerkship and well after.

Later he inspired me to run for judge against an incumbent and keep up the same tradition of hiring law clerks for court officers. JoAnn you were also such a beacon for women professionals during that same time. You both made quite a team. Nashville is the better for the service of both of you.

I will mourn his passing.

Marietta Shipley

Marietta Shipley - January 08, 2021 at 02:46 PM

EK

“ My family and I send our deepest condolences.

*Sincerely,
Elizabeth Peeler Keen*

Elizabeth Peeler Keen - January 08, 2021 at 02:13 AM

JJ

“ *Very sorry to learn of Steve's passing. My sincere condolences to JoAnn and the entire family. John Wesley Jones*

J.W. Jones - January 07, 2021 at 01:06 PM

CM

“ *JoAnn, I was so sad to learn of Steve's death and am praying for peace for all of you now and in the weeks and months to come. He was such a good person, with a sharp mind and a great wit who gave so much to this community -- as all of you have.*

Candy McCampbell, Nashville

Candy McCampbell - January 06, 2021 at 01:07 PM

DH

“ *Dear JoAnn, I am very sorry to learn of Steve's passing. I have only the fondest recollections of him so many years ago. I will remember him as a great guy and a great lawyer.*

David Hyman, Tulsa, Okla.

David Hyman - January 06, 2021 at 10:43 AM

FH

“ *JoAnn, I am so sorry to hear about Steve. I have fond memories of our times during the '77 Constitutional Convention. My sincere condolences.*

Frank Holloman, Memphis, TN.

Frank Holloman - January 06, 2021 at 09:52 AM

PW

“ Dear JoAnn and Family,

I just learned about the passing of Steve. He was a Good man! You know my thoughts and Prayers are with ALL of you. I've watched all of the Family grow and spread their wings over the years with your thoughtful cards each new year. May Steve Rest in Peace in the Arms of the Lord, and may God give you the strength and Grace at this time.

Pat Winter

Pat Winter - January 06, 2021 at 09:32 AM

HH

“ *My condolences to Joann and the North family during these sad days. News of his passing brought sadness but also a flood of fond memories .We were fortunate to known him. He will be missed . Hal Hardin*

Hal Hardin - January 05, 2021 at 09:11 PM

PN

“ *Jim and I were so sad to hear of Steve's passing. The North family has a special place in our hearts. We love you all and pray for comfort during this time of loss.*

*With loving sympathy,
Pam and Jim Nix*

Pamela Nix - December 31, 2020 at 04:37 PM

RN

“ *Judge North, like his whole family, was always friendly, engaging and a real community treasure. He will be missed.*

Robert and Barbara Nash - December 31, 2020 at 09:07 AM

TT

“ To the North Family . My family would like to offer regards in the loss of such a Great man Steve. To Joann an the rest of the family Neely's Bend just want feel the same. It was a pleasure to grow up an no the North Family.

Tracy Townsend

Tracy Townsend - December 31, 2020 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember such wonderful times growing up with Dolly Ruth and fun times with the North family. So many memories of life in the bend. We were so blessed, and only now do I realize how blessed we were. My prayers are with you all, cherish every blessed memory. Love, Betty Bruce Menees

Betty Menees - December 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss Mrs. North and family. He was a great person. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

Lynn Bowen - December 30, 2020 at 05:36 PM

KG

“ I went to Valley View Bible Camp and enjoyed Mr. Steve as one of our counselors. He always greeted you with a smile, and he was always a joy to be around. I had 3 brothers of my own but I considered him one of my brothers and I loved him very much. He was so special to me. I know he is Home now. Well Done. My condolences to your family. I will always keep his teachings in my life.

Kaye Goad - December 30, 2020 at 04:24 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you all with this great loss. The North family will always have a special place in my heart. I'm thankful for the example of love, caring and service that Mr. North exhibited in his life, and for the legacy he leaves. May God grant you all peace and comfort.

Beth Roberts Schneider - December 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM

AD

“ The North family has been a blessing to our community for decades, and Mr. North was a wonderful example of service. I send love and light for his journey and to hold the family close in the difficult days ahead. May God watch over each of you. Namaste, Aurora Daniels*

Aurora Daniels - December 30, 2020 at 11:33 AM

RW

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Ruth A. Woodall - December 29, 2020 at 08:39 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Ruth A. Woodall - December 29, 2020 at 08:25 PM

JO

“ Joann, I am very shocked and sadden. You have my deepest sympathy. I will never forget the great times we've had. I enjoyed spending time with Steve especially working together to get him elected as Judge. We will all have our memories and mine of you and Steve will never fade. Sandy and I send you our love. Stay strong. Jim Ovetstreet

Jim Overstreet - December 29, 2020 at 06:49 PM

DD

“ So Sorry for the loss of Mr. Steve North. Sympathy and Prayers for all the family.
Don and Lynne Duke

Don Duke - December 29, 2020 at 03:02 PM



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Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - December 29, 2020 at 02:09 PM