



Norman Glen Bissell

July 13, 1945 - March 2, 2017

Norman Bissell, 71, of Iowa Falls, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017 at his home. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, March 6, 2017 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 4-6 pm Sunday, March 5 at the Woodley Funeral Home. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Norman and his family.

Norman Glen Bissell was born in Anita, Iowa on July 13, 1945 to Royce H. and Mildred (Holaday) Bissell. He graduated from Anita High School as valedictorian and graduated with honors from Drake University where he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia professional music fraternity. He did post-graduate work at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Norman served as a Chaplain Assistant in the US Army from 1967-1970. He then taught high school vocal music in Guthrie Center, Glenwood and Creston, Iowa.

On November 22, 1972 Norman was united in marriage to Dawn Ann Johnson at the First Congregational Church in Creston, Iowa. The couple moved to Iowa Falls in 1974 when Norm opened the first Iowa State Employment Service. He was a faithful and devoted member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa Falls where he was minister of music and celebrated 40 years as church choir director. He also served on the church council, served as lay leader and led the adult Sunday school discussion class

for several years.

Norman Bissell is survived by three sons, Douglas (Lily) Neathery of Costa Rica, John (Anna) Bissell of Grimes, Iowa and Pat (Katrina) Bissell of Iowa Falls, Iowa; grandchildren: Blake Bissell, Maya Neathery, Drew Bissell, Nevin Bissell, Jenna Kleven, Lee (Ryan) Eagleburger and Dylan Vanderpool and two brothers, Richard (Eleanor) Bissell of Commerce City, Colorado and Byron (Carla) Bissell of Omaha, Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife and three brothers: David, Bruce and Lynn.

Memorials may be directed to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa Falls, designated for the music department.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home
516 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-7700

Service

MAR 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
520 College Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *My condolences to Norman's family. May the God of tender mercies give you the strength and comfort needed. He will help because God cares for you.*
1Peter 5:7

Rachel - March 18, 2017 at 12:26 PM

SR

“ *So sorry to hear of Norman's death. The Bissell's were our neighbors when they lived in Greenfield. Norman was in college and would come home on weekend's. Bruce was in my sister Pat's class. I enjoyed playing HORSE(basketball) with him. Later, when he moved back to Greenfield, he delivered DesMoines Registers and so did I. And I enjoyed talking to him when he worked in the video store. I also worked with Mildred at the hospital and rode Royce's bus from the elementary to the high school after school and then walked home. I have a lot of memories and love for the whole family in my heart! Sue Ehram Rohner*

Sue Rohner - March 06, 2017 at 11:08 PM

DB

“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dick Bissell - March 06, 2017 at 03:13 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sammi Wangsness - March 05, 2017 at 01:54 PM

SD

“ Sara, Drake, Dax, & Dane Dunbar purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.



Sara, Drake, Dax, & Dane Dunbar - March 05, 2017 at 12:45 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.



March 04, 2017 at 09:27 PM

ES

“ *Ellie Soboleski lit a candle in memory of Norman Glen Bissell*



Ellie Soboleski - March 04, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - March 04, 2017 at 04:46 AM



“ *Dee Janowski lit a candle in memory of Norman Glen Bissell*



Dee Janowski - March 03, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Denny and Jayne Bennett purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.*



Denny and Jayne Bennett - March 03, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.*



March 03, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Norman, our thoughts and prayers are with Norman's family, Norman was special as he was our candle lighter at our wedding and also one of many cousins. Love, Harold and Rosalie Bissell and Families*

Harold and Rosalie Bissell - March 03, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Norman*



Sammi Wangsness - March 03, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *I have fond memories of going to Church choir rehearsal on Thursday nights when I was in high school. Sometimes I'd be so tired from school, but the dark night outside and the warm lighted sanctuary inside was always so inviting.*

Norm was such a joy to sing with. He was so patient when we were learning a new piece and I always admired how he could easily read through any part and help us with our lines. We were short on tenors, so we were blessed to hear Norm's voice resonate out the tenor line.

I don't remember the last time I saw him, but I will miss him now that he is gone.

*With my deepest sympathies,
Rick Janssen*

Rick Janssen - March 03, 2017 at 02:48 PM

EP

I agree, Rick! Singing in the choir with Norm was a great experience!

Erin Peterson - March 10, 2017 at 12:56 PM

TF

“ *The Richard Bissell family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.*



The Richard Bissell family - March 03, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.*



March 03, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Glen Bissell.*



March 03, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ *John, Pat, and Doug*

So very sorry for the loss of your Dad. He will certainly be missed by many. I feel the loss as Pete and I are in Arizona and unable to be there for the funeral. May GOD wrap his arms around you in your time of sorrow. Love you all.

Aunt Larita (Bissell) and Pete Lesan

Larita Lesan - March 02, 2017 at 09:12 PM



We are so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort during this time of sorrow. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Linda Hartt, Castle Pines, CO

Linda Hartt - March 03, 2017 at 01:35 PM

DB

It is so hard to lose a parent or a child. May God give you comfort during this time of sorrow. We will be thinking of your family at this time. You will be in our thoughts and our prayers.

Dick and Eleanor Bissell - March 03, 2017 at 03:45 PM

TS

I was always proud to participate in football and baseball for the Anita Spartans back in the 50's with the Bissell boys. Norm was much younger, but I remember him at the games. His dad, Royce, was always a great fan for us as well. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with the entire families. Tom Salmon Longwood, FL

tom salmon - March 03, 2017 at 07:38 PM

LS

The members of the Anita High School Class of 1963 were so very sorry to hear of Norm's death. We were delighted that he joined us for our 50th class reunion, as we had not seen him for years. Our sympathies to his family.

Don and Carol Fletcher and Dennis and Linda Sims

Linda Sims - March 04, 2017 at 08:21 PM