



Norman Leigh Catlett

December 21, 1932 - April 1, 2022

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Norman Leigh Catlett.

Norman Leigh Catlett, 89, of Woodstock, Virginia, died Friday, April 1, 2022. He was born December 21, 1932, in Hamlet, NC, the youngest of four children of Winnie Davis Whittington & Jesse Warren Catlett.

Norman followed his dream and was a teacher and coach for 40 years, including positions at Fork Union Military Academy, Massanutten Military Academy, and Central High School in Woodstock. He taught history, civics, and physical education, while coaching basketball, baseball, football, and tennis. His teams enjoyed many successes, including multiple state championships.

Norman touched the lives of countless people, whether it was the offering of warmth and compassion to random strangers, the steady mentoring of students, or the unconditional love and support of family and friends. A positive role model, Norman led by example, modeling his own thoughtful, understated advice. In this regard, Norman was a paragon of humility. He treated everyone in his orbit with dignity and respect, offering kindness without judgment, regardless of one's station in life. Having a soft spot in his heart for the underdog, no student was cast off or forgotten as undeserving under his

tutelage and each was supported with a mix of love and discipline. Taking on his personality, Norman's athletic teams were known for teamwork, preparedness, love for one another, and sacrifice for the greater good. As much as any attribute, Norman was steadfastly dependable. You could count on him to be there when needed. Always, without exception. This will never change. Norman remains in our hearts forever.

Norman is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Blue Cameron Catlett, and three sons: Norman Leigh Catlett, Jr. (Mary), Warren Cameron Catlett and Richard Shelton Catlett (Susan). He is also survived by grandsons Jake Johnson and John Shelton Catlett (Mollie), granddaughter Anna Blue Catlett, and great granddaughter Margo Blue Catlett.

He was predeceased by brother James Levi Catlett and sisters Jessie Mae Catlett McLaurin and Virginia Catlett Covington Foy.

Norman retired in 1997 and enjoyed traveling and spending time in Myrtle Beach with his family. He loved living in Woodstock and was actively involved in church, school, and community activities for more than 58 years.

There will be a private family funeral service with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Woodstock Rotary Foundation (Scholarship Fund), RE: Norman Catlett, PO Box 602, Woodstock, Virginia, 22664-0602, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 122 East Court St., Woodstock VA 22664, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Leigh Catlett*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Norman Leigh Catlett*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Robert Mumaw lit a candle in memory of Norman Leigh Catlett*



Robert Mumaw - July 08, 2022 at 12:31 AM



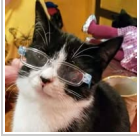
“ *It has been my sincerest honor and privilege to have been a part of Norm's life connecting with him and his beautiful family during these past several years when he was not as strong as he used to be. I was a student at Central High School when he was coaching and remember him well from that time. Though his energy may have faded, his smile and his heart were still the same. I will never forget him or the love and care his family poured out to him. He was so proud of you all! May he Rest In Peace until we meet again! ❤️*

Laura Racey Fogle - April 11, 2022 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ *My sincere condolences to Coach Catlett's family. His inspiration and generosity will live on in the lives he touched.* ”

Judy Ryman Bauserman - April 07, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Melanie Barb lit a candle in memory of Norman Leigh Catlett* ”



Melanie Barb - April 07, 2022 at 04:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman Leigh Catlett.* ”



April 06, 2022 at 08:24 PM

BA

“ *Years ago, Norman and Mary Blue came to NY to visit their son, Leigh (NLC Jr.). They came to my apartment and Norman Sr. noticed there was some mold in a corner of my bathroom ceiling. He quietly asked if I had a mop and some white vinegar. He quickly got rid of the mold and it never came back. I remember it because he automatically thought “I can help this person with this problem” and he just quietly and quickly handled it. I also remember Mary Blue’s delicious barbecue that she brought all the way from Virginia! My thoughts go out to those grieving Norman’s passing.* ”

Becky Andrew - April 05, 2022 at 03:36 PM

PE

“ *Norm was a great neighbor and friend. It was a privilege to know him. He will surely be missed. Luke Debbie and Phil Estep*

Phil Estep - April 05, 2022 at 02:38 PM

SF

“ *Sonya Fadeley lit a candle in memory of Norman Leigh Catlett*



Sonya Fadeley - April 05, 2022 at 12:51 PM