



## Joseph Norman Martin

August 29, 1945 - February 15, 2023

Wantage - Joseph Norman Martin, age 77, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at his home with his loving wife, Donna, by his side.

Born in Caribou, Maine, to the late Airelle and Mary Grace (Gillespie) Martin, Norman grew up in the Binghamton, New York area and has lived in the Wantage area for the past 38 years. He had been employed as a respiratory therapist for Newton Memorial Hospital before his retirement. Norman was a longtime NY Yankees fan, and he was always quick with a joke, that sometimes left Donna in dismay.

Besides his parents, Norman was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Hughes and his brother, Harold Martin. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Donna (Szczesny); his children, Joseph F. Martin and his partner Krista, Melissa Knoerzer and her husband Rich, Amy Hofer and her husband Jason, Daniel Birnbaum and his wife Nadia, and David Birnbaum and his wife Stephanie; his siblings, Airelle Martin and his wife Donna, Cathy Hahn and her husband Sonny, and Jack Martin and his wife Carol; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Jean Szczesny and Karen and Gary Kollet; his beloved grandchildren, Rachel, Andrew, Joshua, Aaron, Declan, Madelyn, Kaitlyn, Rory, Jack, Lawrence, and Olivia; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Friends may

pay their respects to the family prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Norman's memory to "A Pathway to Hope," which is a non-profit animal rescue founded by his daughter, Amy, and son-in-law, Jason. Their website is <http://www.apathwaytohope.org> and mailing address is address is P.O. Box 165, Hawthorne, NJ 07507.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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### Service

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# Tribute Wall

IB

“Aah, his days of Respiratory “Terrorist” @ WVGH gave us all a good laugh. What a special human being.  
May all the memories keep him alive in your hearts & minds.  
Ida (Sitzman)

ida briwn - February 21, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AH

“Norm was sweet kind and soft spoken. A pleasure to have known him. Blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him at Newton Memorial aka NMC. Deepest condolences to his family, 🥺  
❤️🙏

Audra R Hover - February 20, 2023 at 08:35 PM

KZ

“Donna, my thoughts and prayers go out to you all. An afternoon of food and laughter at Aunt Gay's house was a highlight of my childhood. Norm always had everyone in stitches, his laughter filled the room. My brothers loved to debate the Yankees vs. Mets with him. My father, Dick Wagner, still talks about the puzzle piece Norm took on the sly during one of his "pop-in, surprise" visits to see my mother Ruth, that he kept for a year.



-Kerry Wagner Ziegler

Kerry Wagner Ziegler - February 20, 2023 at 12:43 PM

EK

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for Donna and the family 🙏🙏🙏*



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**Ed Krok** - February 18, 2023 at 05:39 AM

DS

*Norm was a kind, generous soul. He was known in our Respiratory Dept. For his sarcastic wit and story telling ability. He took pleasure in supplying us with humorous antidotes during our long hours working together. He will be missed by many. My condolences to Donna & Family.*

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**Dave Sargent** - February 21, 2023 at 10:24 AM

NI

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Norm at Newton Memorial Hospital for many years. A dear colleague and friend. RIP Norman.*



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**Nina** - February 17, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JC

“ *Joanne Cirelli lit a candle in memory of Joseph Norman Martin*



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**Joanne Cirelli** - February 17, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Norman Martin.*



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February 17, 2023 at 05:12 PM