



## Norman Hobson

August 17, 1935 - May 10, 2020

Norman L. Hobson, age 84 peacefully passed on Sunday, May 10, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. Norman was born in Richmond, Kansas the son of the late Ray C. and Bertha E. (Riebe) Hobson. Also preceded in death by brother, Richard D. Hobson. Norman was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a graduate of Eskridge Rural High School, Eskridge, Kansas, and a US Army Veteran serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. He was employed as a civilian by the Air Force in Kansas and Alabama, and later employed with the Department of Defense, (DSCC) in Columbus, Ohio. He retired after 37 years in Inventory Control. In addition, he was employed part-time for many years by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Norman enjoyed time with his family; attending sporting events of his grandsons, and trips to the beach and Las Vegas. He was active in many volunteer activities including Wesley Glen Holm Market Place, the Golden Hobby Shop, and helping with the Free Store at Church of the Good Shepherd.

He was a member of the former McKendree United Methodist Church for over 50 years where he served in many leadership capacities, Sunday School teacher, and in charge of the Food Pantry. He was a member of Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Survived by wife of 53 years, Emily (Holt) Hobson, daughters Nancy (Scott) Moore, Lewis Center, Diane (Darrell Dugan) Hobson, Glouster, Ohio and Sue (Travis) Farley, Grove City, grandsons Storm Rushing, Avery and Austin Moore, Shane and Troy Farley. Sisters Marilyn McQuay and Carol (Bob) Shumate, Topeka, Kansas and Sister-in-Law Nancy Hobson, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A visitation for immediate family only will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 in Columbus. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Interment Prospect Cemetery, Prospect, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Church of the Good Shepherd Free Store, 6176 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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## Prospect Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - May 16 at 09:58 AM

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“ With our deepest sympathy, Jean Casey and Family

**Jean Casey** - May 19 at 09:58 AM



“ Thank you.

**Emily Hobson** - May 20 at 05:24 PM

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“ Emily Hobson is following this tribute.

**Emily Hobson** - May 16 at 07:22 AM

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“ Dear Ones, I cherish fond memories of pastoring all of you and especially of working with Norm--whose heart and intellect and faith made him a significant leader in the McKendree congregation. I have now completed 43 plus years of ministry and I can say without equivocation he remains one of my favorite parishioners and always a friend. Michael and I rejoice in memories and send our prayers. My first memory of Norm was when I arrived for a get acquainted visit before I began my ministry and he was outside interacting with the preschool children. My other early memory of our work together was the night the church basement flooded while we had interfaith hospitality network guests and I had to leave for some conference week long event and left Norm holding the bag for all the clean up. He of course handled it all well and better than I could have anyway. Blessings on each and all of you. Love, Sue Ellen and Michael Miller

**Sue Ellen Miller** - May 15 at 11:56 PM



“ Thank you Sue Ellen for your condolences and great memories of Norm.

**Emily Hobson** - May 16 at 07:15 AM



“ Thank you Sue Ellen for sharing all the memories of my Dad with us and your blessings. McKendree was a very important and big part of his life and my memories too.

**Nancy Moore** - May 18 at 09:20 AM



“ Sorry to read of Normans passing we were classmates in Eskridge High School and I always enjoyed Normans friendly personality. He was a fine Man. Prayers for peace to all his family.

**Carol L. Kraus** - May 14 at 08:19 PM



“ Thank you Carol for your condolences and memory. We appreciate it at this time.

**Nancy Moore** - May 15 at 07:54 AM



“ Thank you Carol. Norm always enjoyed going back to Kansas for your alumni Reunion and reminiscing of high school days.

**Emily Hobson** - May 15 at 11:33 AM



“ It was my honor to serve as Norm's pastor at Good Shepherd until I was appointed elsewhere in 2019. I often described Norm as 'crusty on the outside but a teddy bear inside.' I always enjoyed Norm's sense of humor and his willingness to work for whatever was best for the mission of the church. I even appreciated it when he mercilessly ribbed me (which I did right back!).

Though he wouldn't have thought of himself this way, he was a spiritual giant - a spirituality that expressed itself in a commitment to service to others and to the well being of those who were outcast, marginalized, or otherwise excluded from society.

I offer my deepest condolences to Emily and the family. I will treasure warm memories of Norm always.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Don Wallick

**Don Wallick** - May 14 at 03:56 PM



“ Thank you Pastor Don for sharing your memories of my dad and your condolences for our family. Your words brought a smile to my face as you described him as a "spiritual giant". He enjoyed having you as his pastor. In peace and love, Nancy

**Nancy Moore** - May 15 at 07:58 AM



“ Thank you Pastor Don. Norm's church home and family was a very important part of his life and yes he was always willing to serve.

**Emily Hobson** - May 15 at 11:35 AM

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“ I worked with Norm for several years at DCSC. He was a good and honest man. He displayed true integrity in all of his actions. I ended up living in Forest Park, and would bump into him at the 4th of July parades, and the St Mathias fish fry. I'll miss him. My sincere condolences his family. Ken Novotny

**ken novotny** - May 14 at 12:49 PM



“ Thank you for your condolences and sharing these memories of my Dad with us.

**Nancy Moore** - May 14 at 01:09 PM



“ Thank you Ken for your kind words and memories of Norm.

**Emily Hobson** - May 15 at 11:36 AM

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“ We are so blessed to have Norm and Emily in our church family. "Working" at the Free Store was always fun when Norm was there. We will greatly miss his fun and fellowship. God Bless you all.  
Laura and Richard Wagner

**Laura Wagner** - May 14 at 12:08 PM



“ Thank you for your memory of my Dad. He really enjoyed working at the Free Store.

**Nancy Moore** - May 14 at 01:06 PM



“ Many thanks Laura. He truly enjoyed helping with the Free Store.

**Emily Hobson** - May 15 at 11:37 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman Hobson.



May 14 at 11:57 AM



“ I worked with Norm at the Department of taxation. He was such a great guy he was always very helpful and would do anything for anyone. We always had fun at work when he was there making us laugh. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

**Rhonda Payne** - May 13 at 02:29 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your memories and for your condolences.

**Diane Hobson** - May 13 at 09:49 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your memories of my Dad. He loved working at the Dept. of Taxation and always told funny stories about the work.

**Nancy Moore** - May 13 at 09:59 PM



“ Yes, Norm could make his coworkers laugh at Taxation, but he also absorbed job knowledge as well as the top clerk in his unit; he was very detailed Oriented by nature! I was Privilege to be his supervisor all the years he was at tax. I first met his beautiful wife Emily at a 4H event at the Franklin Ct Fair grounds, in the early 90's; there own daughters had been out , but they were still volunteers! I think that's what help keep them both With it & Active!

I've enjoyed keeping up with your family through Emily's beautiful Holiday news letters. I'm very sorry for your loss ; I know family was everything to Norm; he will be missed by all who knew him. Your in my prayers! Mary Ellen Rich

**Mary Ellen Rich** - May 14 at 02:08 PM



“ Thank you Mary Ellen for sharing your wonderful words and memories about my dad! He will be deeply missed and your prayers are appreciated at this time.

**Nancy Moore** - May 15 at 07:53 AM



“ It was so nice knowing all of you when you girls were at Northland High School. Working in the refreshment stand and going to ball games were fun times. Emily and Norm were great people to know. May God bless you and hold you in His hands.

The Cunningham Family

**Kay Cunningham** - May 15 at 11:36 AM



“ Thank you Mary Ellen and Rhonda for your kind words and condolences. He often had great stories of his time at the Taxation Department.

**Emily Hobson** - May 15 at 11:40 AM



“ Thank you Kay for sharing your kind words about my Dad - he always enjoyed the NHS days as did I.

**Nancy Moore** - May 15 at 01:46 PM



“ Many thanks Kay for your kind words and great memories. Those were some really fun times.

**Emily Hobson** - May 16 at 07:17 AM



“ To the Hobson Family (Emily, Nancy & Diane),

I'm sorry for your loss. The many years of 4-H left me with many great memories of your

family. Every word that has been said about Norm is so true. Please know you are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Morgan  
Retired 4-H Secretary  
Franklin County Extension Office

**Carolyn Morgan** - May 16 at 10:18 PM



“ Oh Carolyn, thank you for your condolences. So good to hear from you.

**Emily Hobson** - May 18 at 06:54 AM



“ Thank you Carolyn for your kind words and prayers - 4-H was filled with wonderful memories for my family.

**Nancy Moore** - May 18 at 09:18 AM