



# Norman Lee Hensley

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**N**orman Lee Hensley,  
On Wednesday, July 26, 2017, Norman Hensley, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away at the age of 89 years with his family by his side.

Norman "Chick" Hensley was born on November 9, 1927, the son of William Walter Hensley and Elizabeth Clara Tegenkamp. He married Dolores "Polly" Theresa Pals on August 17, 1948 in Teutopolis, Illinois. Norman retired from the Decatur Herald & Review.

Norman will be forever remembered by his family including Wife: Dolores "Polly" Theresa Hensley (Pals)

Children: Barbara Lynn Preston, Decatur, Vickie Ann York (Ivan), Decatur, and Kent Alan Hensley (Monica), Rochester, MN

Grandchildren: Jennifer Preston, James Ryan Preston (Cassandra Clark), Corey York (Angela), Amanda Poland (Jacob), Elizabeth Gunderman (David), Alexander Hensley (Marianne), and Aaron Hensley

Great Grandchildren: Anthony Preston, Morgan Sawyer, Maya Sawyer, Lucas Poland, Brandon Gunderman, Abigail Poland, Matthew Poland, Temperance York, Augustine York, Nathan Hensley, Maddox Gunderman

Norman was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Everett, Harold, Walter, Laura, Grace, and Vesta.

Norman loved classic cars and owned a 1964 Ford Thunderbird (his favorite car). He was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed league bowling. Norm was a family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A Prayer Service will be held on Friday, July 28 at 4:30pm and visitation from 5:00-7:00pm at Graceland/Fairlawn.

A Mass of Catholic burial will be celebrated in memory of Norman Hensley on



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Saturday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m., in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Decatur, IL, with Rev. Rick Weltin, as Celebrant. Memorial donations in memory of Norman may be made to American Cancer Society.

The family of Norman Hensley is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL 62526. Send condolences and share memories with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JC

**Jon Claeyes** posted:

Kent, so sad to hear of the passing of your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jon, Laurie, Ryan, Lauren (Phipps) and Todd Claeyes

August 7 at 5:15 AM

HS

**Helen And John Scheid** posted:

It's so hard to lose your Dad. Kent, he was such a distinguished looking man. May he rest in peace up in Heaven with the rest of his family there. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

July 30 at 11:29 AM

VW

**Vince Wright** posted:

To all of the Hensley Family and Kent, my prayers are with you at this time. I knew Mr. Hensley from St. Thomas Church and H&R (there was no way I could ever call him Norm). He always had a kind word and encouragement. We all lost somebody "special" with his passing, but heaven gained an angel. Sincerely, J. Vincent Wright

July 29 at 3:07 AM

RJ

**Randy Janes** posted:

So sorry to hear of Norm's passing. I was hoping to make it to the car show at Imboden and planned to stop by there this Thursday to see him..only to read on-line that he passed Wednesday. Norm was a gentleman's gentleman. I so enjoyed working with him in Circulation at the Herald & Review. He could always calm the most frustrated of us on our bad days and was always willing to lend a hand to help. Thinking of you Polly.

July 28 at 12:45 PM

BB

**Bobbie Briscoe** posted:

So sorry to hear the sad news. I always enjoyed working with Norm at the H&R. Always a very pleasant person to be around. Bobbie Briscoe.

July 28 at 4:50 AM



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CC

**Candy And Steve Carroll** posted:

Condolences on the loss of your Dad. He was indeed a kind and caring gentleman. So enjoyed talking with him and your Mom on Sundays at Mass. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. May the wonderful memories you all hold dear help carry you through this time of grief. God bless! Candy and Steve Carroll Nashville, TN

July 28 at 4:41 AM

DW

**Dan And Maureen Woodard** posted:

We were so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Our prayers are with your whole family at this hard time. We will be out of town for the service but we're thinking of you.

July 27 at 12:24 PM

AM

**Amanda** posted:

Grandpa was like a dad to me growing up. He was my father figure and friend. I know you are in a better place now but I miss you so much already! Love you always Grandpa! Amanda

July 27 at 9:37 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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