



Larry Norman Norred, Sr.
February 11, 1938 – October 9, 2024

Larry Norman Norred, Sr., 86, passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, with his family by his side. Larry was born on February 11, 1938, in the home of his great grandparents in McKenzie, Tennessee. He spent the early days of his childhood in the small town where his grandfather served as Chief of Police and his aunt was the Postmistress. In the fifth grade, the family resettled in Birmingham, Alabama and Larry attended grammar school in Gate City. He made lifelong friendships and spent many days exploring nearby Ruffner Mountain. Larry graduated from Woodlawn High School ('56), attended Birmingham-Southern College where he majored in Mathematics and was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. As a student, he worked nights at Hayes Aircraft where he was the illustrator of the corporate magazine.

In 1958, he joined the United States Army, completing basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Jackson and returned home to the reserves as a member of Company K, 167 th Infantry (Alabama National Guard). He was an Airborne Ranger and served in the 119 th Special Forces (20 th Special Forces).

On March 20, 1964, he married Joan Charlotte Roper of Palmerdale, AL.

Larry's career was in the window, door and millwork business. Which took him and Joan to Columbus, GA and Eufaula, AL before returning to Birmingham. He furnished the first phase of Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort and was part of the inaugural golf tournament held at the Links course. Later in his career, he focused on architectural millwork restorations, including the historic 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Larry's main hobby was golf. He played his first round with his father at Roebuck Golf Course at 14 years of age. In his lifetime, he played over 500 different courses around the world, Senior PGA Open Qualifying tournaments, had 9 holes in one and 2 double eagles! Being very social in nature, golf was a natural fit for his gregarious, outgoing personality. Larry was a wonderful storyteller. He loved people and making them laugh with his jokes. He also had a love for vintage cars, classic movies and family vacations.

Larry Norred, Sr. was a member of the United Methodist Church where he taught both adult and 1 st grade Sunday School.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan Charlotte Roper Norred. His son, Larry Jr. (Paige), his daughters, Laura Joan Norred (Milton Fritts) and Julie Marie Norred Elliott (Jeff). His granddaughter, Anna Paige Norred of Shreveport, LA and grandsons, Jackson David Elliott and Preston Cole Elliott of Hoover, AL. His brother, James Edward Norred of Inverness, FL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Preston and Faye Elizabeth Dinwiddie Norred, his brother, Thomas Charles Norred, his sisters-in-law Diana Norred, Leila Roper Stone (John Winston), his brothers-in-law James Roper (Hazel), Robert Roper (Elizabeth), Tom Roper (Lavada) and niece Pam Roper Moore (Roger).

Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024

The Club, atop Red Mountain
The Inn Room
4pm – Reflections and Prayer
4:30 – 6pm Visitation

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama – alzca.org