



Monroe Nordquist

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Monroe Sidney Nordquist (Swede), 84, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 22, at Mother Joseph Care Center in Olympia, WA. He was born on September 14, 1929 in Hoffman, MN to Sidney and Mary (Lund) Nordquist.

Monroe proudly and bravely served our country in the US Army for over 25 years. As a Combat Medic, he was a multiple-tour veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He also served as Ward Master at Madigan Army Hospital in Fort Lewis, WA for many years. He earned multiple awards and decorations --throughout his service. After his retirement in 1973, he began a successful career as an Insurance Agent for Mutual of Omaha in University Place, WA.

Monroe was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life of 53 years, Abrilla E. (Cardejon) Nordquist. He is survived by his sister, Marian, sons: Norman, Michael (Ruth), Patrick (Patricia), and Jay (Sara), daughters: Monica (Jeff), Mona, & Lisa, grandchildren: Russell, Marc (Elizabeth), Adam (Cassie), Lindsey, Joshua, Melissa (Chad), Rose, Jason, Lindsey, Hailey & Lily, and great-grandchildren: Zachary, Gabriella, Harper, Aubree, Lulani, Sammie, Sonja, & Calvin. He is preceded in death also by his parents, his brother, Jerome, and his grandson, Jordan.

Monroe was an avid sports fan. Two of his favorite teams were the Minnesota Vikings and Duke Blue Devils. He could often be found at the local Steilacoom High School football and basketball games cheering loudly above the crowd. He also enjoyed golfing and gardening. But above all, he treasured spending time with his family. He was hard-working, devoted, generous, and loving, with a witty sense of humor that brought much joy to so many. He was deeply loved and will forever be missed by his family and friends.



Events


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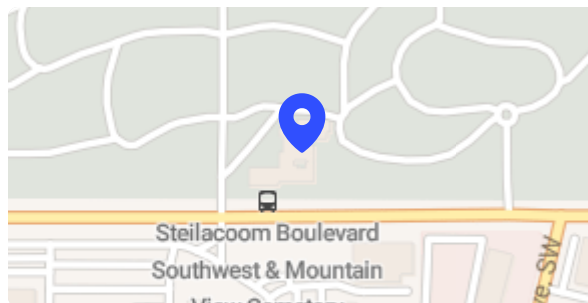
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 3, 2014

 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM PT


 **Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499

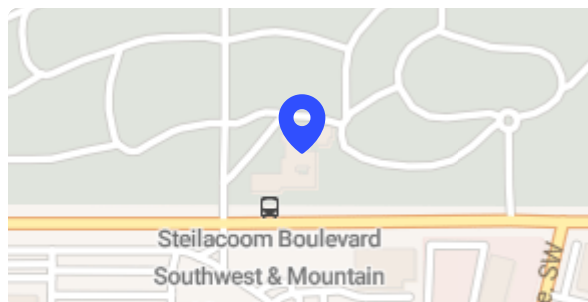


Service Information

 **Thursday**, September 4, 2014

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

 **Mountain View Aspen Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499





Tribute Wall

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Dawn Paxton posted:

I am blessed to say Monroe was my uncle. He was always so loving and huggable when we had our times together. My mom his sister Marian , Jerome and Monroes family was a very loving and caring family. This was because of grandparents Grandma and Grandpa Nordquist the dearest people on the earth. the last time I saw Monroe was when he came to our son Case"s wedding to his beautiful wife lauren...this was three years ago. Norman and Monica traveled with .This was the best gift of all to have them make the trip to Minnesota. Needless to say there were alot of tears but the very best kind the tears of love and happiness. These are my tears my memories of the gifts of time I had with this dear man. Monroe and I also would write letters to each other when he was in VietNam . I have saved every word and letter. Always in the beginning and the end he wrote of getting home soon to his dear fammily. He always signed ...Love from the old soldier Uncle Monroe. To my cousins I have met and their children who I have not I give you many xoxoxoxo as we have always shared in our corespondences. I love you Dawn Henjum, Paxton

September 3 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Lily to the Nordquist family.



September 2 at 4:22 AM



Jenine Nordquist posted:

Uncle Monroe, Norman, and Monica so generously shared time, laughs, memories, and conversation with us several summers ago when we were working hard to create lasting memories for his brother Jerome and wife Irma as Jerome's body was being overtaken by cancer. It was very special and we are so grateful for Monroe's commitment to getting here. We are all sending prayers and Grandma Mary's famous "XOXOXOXOX" (all the grandchildren of Mary and Sid likely know what I'm talking about) to you during this time.The family of brother Jerome-- Scott, Steve (Jenine), Stacy (Audrey), Jillian and Paige

August 31 at 8:09 AM



Stan Dougherty posted:

I met Swede way back in the 70's at the Madigan Army Hospital, when I was an agent for Mutual of Omaha. He was one "great " guy to know. May God bless all the family. I'm sure he is with his beloved wife and friend Abrilla..We will miss you Swede.Stan and Marianne Dougherty.

August 31 at 5:31 AM



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DA

Danielle posted:

To my cousins and their loved ones -- May you be feeling much comfort knowing that your Dad is at peace and that your parents are reunited. I greatly admired your Dad -- his dedication to your Mom, to you, and his country. When I was growing up it was always big news to hear that your parents were coming back to Hoffman for a visit. I knew that there would be lots of smiles and great storytelling, and that Grandma & Grandpa would be very, very happy. My mother was always so happy to receive phone calls from your Dad. She would tell me how he'd make her laugh. During their last conversation, two weeks ago, he insisted that he was doing fine and had no pain. Just like Grandpa Nordquist, he was a strong man who felt much compassion for others, and so often went above and beyond to help people. I often think of you, especially now as you grieve for and celebrate your Dad. Take Care. Much love - Danielle

August 30 at 4:39 AM

LN

Laurie Norris posted:

Mr. Nordquist was great father and a dedicated Sentinel fan. I loved seeing them at school functions. May God bless his family with good memories and peace until you meet again. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Laurie Norris

August 29 at 4:16 PM

CF

Chris Falter posted:

Mr. Nordquist was like a dad to me in many ways. I spent hours watching all kind of sports with him which I always enjoyed. He taught me how to change my car oil and allowed me to use his driveway and tools. He came to my high school basketball games. I will always have great memories of him as a really special person. Miss you Swede.

August 29 at 10:53 AM

MH

Mike Hanby posted:

Lisa and Family...I am saddened by the loss of your father and of your mother from this earthly place, but rejoice that both are again together again in a wonderful place where the most awesome and joyous existence will last for eternity...Additionally, as you know Lisa, your Dad, "Swede", will always be remembered as the only parent in volleyball history [while you were playing in the game], to be ejected by the referee from the Steilacoom HS gymnasium for loudly complaining about some of the referee's calls...He was a real "character" and I always looked forward to being around him...Much love and God's Peace in this difficult time...Mike Hanby

August 29 at 10:44 AM



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KM

Kevin Morrow posted:

I first met Sweed almost 30 years ago. He was a very passionate man who loved his family and his sports. If he was in your corner, he would defend you regardless of the outcome. My thoughts and prayers go out to Lisa and her siblings. I hope you have peace that he is in Heaven with his lovely wife, and probably has the biggest TV watching the Seahawks. He will always be missed. Rest in peace Sweed.

August 29 at 8:37 AM

LB

Lisa Nordquist Brown posted:

I love you, Dad, and miss you more than words can express. Thank you for being the best Dad any daughter could ever dream of having. I find comfort in knowing that you are reunited with Mom now and all your other loved ones up there, and that you are no longer suffering and in pain. Even though you never, ever complained, I can't even imagine all you were enduring. You taught me to see all the best things in this life. There is a huge hole in my heart until we meet again, Dad. May God hold you and Mom together happy and healthy in his arms forever. -- Love, Lisa

August 29 at 7:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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