



Norman Edwin Eastman

July 3, 1955 - July 3, 2011

Norman Edwin Eastman, 56, was born in Valparaiso, FL on July 3rd, 1955, the son of Paul R. and Norma J. Eastman. He graduated from this world to the heavenly realm on his birthday, July 3rd, 2011. Norman became ill early this year, and numerous doctors across the Florida panhandle made valiant but unsuccessful efforts to discover the disease that plagued him.

Norman took full advantage offered a kid growing up in Val-p in the 50's and 60's. With so much water to swim and fish in, so many vacant lots to play in, so many friends to play with, he had a wonderful childhood. He played football for Niceville High School and graduated in 1973. Between high school and college, Norman held various jobs, among them: farm worker, furniture mover, construction worker, cook for Eglin's tent city, and roughneck on an off-shore oil rig. He eventually chose a career in teaching, earning his bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida and his Master's degree from FSU. He taught Home Economics for some years at Pryor Middle School, where he also was a basketball coach. For the past many years he was happy to be back at Niceville High School, teaching Family and Consumer Science along with Social Studies.

In recent years, Norman still loved to fish and cook, and he also had a lot of fun playing fantasy baseball with his good buddies. But nothing was more important or dear to him than his two sons, Kyle and Paul.

Survivors include his sons Paul Eastman and Kyle Eastman, his brother Harvey Eastman, and his sister Paula Sutton and brother-in-law Warren

Sutton of Tallahassee. A memorial service will be held at Compass Rose in Valparaiso at 4:00 Saturday, July 9th, followed immediately with refreshments and reminiscing. Friends who would like to share their special memories of Norman during the service will be welcomed to do so.

In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308-5428, or to the charity of your choice.