



## Norman Bolt

February 1, 1933 - November 2, 2022

Norman Dean Bolt was born to Arthur and Grace Bolt in Montevideo, MN. As a boy, he learned about work and human nature while helping out at Bolt's Grocery. He graduated in 1951 and went to college at Oklahoma A&M and became a geologist. He married Charlene Olson, whom he had known since high school, and they moved to Montana where they had three children. After five years of hard work on oil rigs they returned to Montevideo where he began a 35 year career with State Farm Insurance, first as an agent, and then as an Agency Manager in Wadena, MN. He and Charlene divorced after many years.

Sandy Hergert came into his life and they married in 1990 and lived in Wadena for over 32 years. Together they gardened, canned produce, made salsa and jam, lived the good life in Wadena and at the family cabin on Rush Lake, and made many trips with kids and grandkids to Canada, which he loved for its unspoiled beauty and wildness. Norman spent as much of his retirement as he could hunting ducks and fishing for walleyes. He never shot hens-only the greenheads. And he probably caught more walleyes ice fishing on Rush Lake than any other person, ever. If you are reading this, chances are he gave you a jar of homemade salsa or jam or walleye fillets, or maybe even a mallard.

Norman's brothers Donald and Harold predeceased him. He is survived by

his loving wife, Sandy, his children David Bolt (Diane Bratvold), Gary Bolt, and Julie Bolt (Rob Wheeler) seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Charlene Bolt, his brother Ralph, and his sister Evelyn.

He held a huge place in our hearts. We miss him already.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



**Diane Schiller Anderson** - November 15, 2022 at 08:44 PM

LI

“ *Sorry to hear about Norm. He hired me back in 1976. A lot of great memories from State Farm trips to family gatherings and of course fishing. Thoughts and prayers, Chuck and Lonni Isackson*

**Lonni & Chuck Isackson** - November 08, 2022 at 11:10 AM

BH

“ *So saddened to learn of Norm's passing. He hired me as a State Farm agent in Wadena in 1973. I was there for 5 years until I became an Agency Manager in Rochester. During those 5 years I became very close to Norm. We did a LOT of summer and ice fishing. He was absolutely one of a kind. His wry humor was so much fun! My condolences to Sandy and the kids.*

**Bob Holbrook** - November 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM

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“ *The Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



**The Members of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386** - November 08, 2022 at 08:15 AM

KA

“ *What a gem! Just loved visiting with Norm. Always a grin! And I did get some jam! He is missed already.*

Katie - November 07, 2022 at 11:17 AM

ME

“ *Margaret Peter Van lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - November 06, 2022 at 10:37 PM

CB

“ *I agree. Norm was one of kind. I have lots of memiors.about life in wadena. Too bad he had to go. My sympathy to.all. Charlene Olson bolt. St Paul, mn.*

Charlene bolt - November 04, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



Rocky Reese - November 04, 2022 at 03:10 PM

SB

“ *So sorry to see this Sandy! We thoroughly enjoyed him at coffee. He was one of a kind!*

Steve Babcock - November 03, 2022 at 02:58 PM

RS

“ *Rick & Deb Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



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**Rick & Deb Schwartz** - November 03, 2022 at 09:44 AM

CB

*So did I*

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**Charlene bolt** - November 04, 2022 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Norman Bolt*



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**Jim Stoneman** - November 02, 2022 at 03:26 PM