



## Norman Collette Wehmer

April 9, 1929 - May 11, 2023

Norman Wehmer, 94 of Florissant, born on April 9th, 1929, passed away on May 11th 2023. He celebrated his 94th birthday on Easter Sunday. He was a lifelong resident of St. Louis.

Dear husband of 60 years to Caroline M. (A.K.A. "Kelly") nee Starr. Dear father of Sophia Starr (Wehmer) Raskin and Heather Alyce (Wehmer) Speckhard. Grandfather to Maya Grace Speckhard, Lucas Joel Speckhard and Jamie Samuel Adams. Stepfather to Cassandra "Cassie" (Raskin) Dawalt and Gabriel Raskin. Brother in law to Edward Jonathan Starr. Uncle to Thomas Charles Wehmer, C. Michael Reese and the late Donald H. Wehmer. Great Uncle to Josh and Becky Wehmer, Zachary and Laurel Reese. Norman is survived by his sister Bette Reese. Late siblings are Ann (Wehmer) Jordan, Wesley Dale Wehmer, John Henry Wehmer. Dear friend to Michael Burgett and many others.

Mr. Wehmer was a long time member, of the Greater St. Louis Shell Club (sea shells). He was a founding member of the Heritage Foundation of Florissant, MO. The Foundation's sole purpose was the preservation of the Old Coldwater Schoolhouse, founded in 1854. It stands proudly at 15955 New Halls Ferry Road. He was a staunch member and fundraiser of the Citizens Against the New Halls Ferry Landfill. A battle fought and won!

In his youth, Norman along with his sisters and brothers spent weekends driving to Washington, Missouri to build a cabin, which to this day, still stands. In 1952-1954 he served his country in the Korean War. He was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. When he returned from service, he began building the house that became his home for more than 60 years. The central wall of the house is 40 feet long by 20 feet high and took him over a year to build by himself. In 1962, he married Caroline Starr. He worked in construction for several years and in 1976, along with a business partner, began buying properties in the city of St. Louis, including Soulard, Lafayette Square and La Salle Park. He rehabbed and rented properties, and owned a neighborhood bar. He was an architect, a builder, a general contractor, a restaurateur, a creative problem solver, a gardener and a heck of a gin rummy player.

He will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

A Memorial Life Celebration will be given for Norm at a date to be later announced.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew him since I was a tot, learned so much from him, enjoyed so much with him and his family. He was a big part of my mother and uncle's life as their friend from high school. He and his family are family to me.

Karl Krachenberg - September 03, 2023 at 01:55 PM

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“ Always enjoyed Norm's sly sense of humour. Getting to know him was an enjoyable part of officing in the building he and Dave rehabbed in Soulard. Mary and I extend deepest sympathy to Kelly and Sophie and all their family. Norm was a great guy, one of a kind.

Bob Officer - June 28, 2023 at 10:53 AM

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“ McGhee Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Norman Collette Wehmer



McGhee Family - May 29, 2023 at 08:22 PM

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“ Ken McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Norman Collette Wehmer



Ken McGhee & Archway Staff - May 16, 2023 at 04:00 PM