



## Norman V. Inferrera III

October 24, 2004 - August 20, 2021

Norman V. "Champ" Inferrera III, age 16, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Friday, August 20, 2021 in Cooper University Medical Center following a tragic accident while patrolling the shores of Cape May as a lifeguard. Born on October 24, 2004 in Phoenixville, PA, he was the son of Norman V. Jr. and Linda (Kelczewski) Inferrera of Phoenixville, PA.

Champ was set to begin his Junior year at the Phoenixville Area High School, where he excelled in his studies and had already begun receiving college offers. With a philosophical approach, he engaged in his classes and was an invested thinker and listener. He had aspirations of majoring in mechanical engineering, just as his father and grandfather had done.

Champ was living a life-long dream this summer by working as a lifeguard for the Cape May Beach Patrol. He tirelessly trained to better himself and build up his strength. He followed a strict workout regiment, ate a proper healthy diet, and measured his calories to match his workout routines. He had a determined and disciplined spirit and constantly challenged himself to be the best he could possibly be. He enjoyed biking and fitness, and was learning to surf this summer.

In addition to his parents, Champ is survived by one sister, Melanie L. Inferrera of Phoenixville, PA; maternal grandfather, Edward J., husband of the

late Elizabeth C. Kelczewski of Gilbertsville, PA; paternal grandmother, Judith A., wife of the late Norman V. Inferrera Sr. of Washington Township, NJ; Aunts and Uncles, Glen, husband of Leslie Kelczewski of Boyertown, PA, Kathleen Price of Deptford, NJ, Dominic Inferrera of New York, NY, and David, husband of Sara Inferrera of Toms River, NJ; cousins, Christopher, husband of Lindsey Price, Adam Inferrera and Austin Inferrera; and step-cousins, Makenzie and Jayden.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral mass at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 1260 South Trooper Road, Norristown, PA on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. J. Jerome Wild. Burial will be held privately following the mass. Friends will be received from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Thursday evening, August 26, 2021 at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., 610 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA or on Friday morning at the Church from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name The Cooper Foundation, supporting Cooper Medical Center, 3 Cooper Plaza, Suite 500, Camden, NJ 08103, or to a charity of your choosing that you feel would honor Norman. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc  
610 South Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

### Visitation

AUG 27. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Teresa of Avila  
1260 South Trooper Road  
Norristown, PA 19403

### Mass

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Teresa of Avila  
1260 South Trooper Road  
Norristown, PA 19403

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I am very sorry to hear the passing of your dear son. I did not know him or any members of your family but this story touched my heart in such an amazing way. I hope other young people learn to live by Champs inspiration and be the best they can be to honor him. Remember, you did not loose Champ. When you loose someone, you can't find them. You can find him. He's in Heaven smiling down on all of you to give you peace

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**kelly Craig** - August 28, 2021 at 11:37 AM

LI

*really not appropriate*

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**linda** - September 11, 2021 at 04:18 AM

KH

“ Norman, my family was shocked and saddened to hear about your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Keith Hartz** - August 28, 2021 at 10:23 AM

BL

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Norman. RIP young man!



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**Barbara Lunsford** - August 27, 2021 at 10:46 PM

JE

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the tragic loss of your son, I know there are no words to bring you peace and comfort right now. To all that love and knew him, you are in my prayers. CMC resident

Jessica - August 27, 2021 at 07:00 PM

CH

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of this precious child. My sincerest sympathies to his family and friends.  
RIP young man 🙏✝️

Charisse - August 27, 2021 at 05:00 PM

KM

“ I did not know Norman, but live in Cape May County and frequent the beautiful beaches of Cape May. First, I would like to offer my sincere condolences on his passing. I also would like to thank him for taking care of us on the beaches of Cape May. God bless your family. You are in my prayers.

Kathy Mazzio - August 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you.

The Knight Family



Pamela Knight - August 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

EV

“ On behalf of my brothers and sisters in reds who work the West Coast, our prayers and condolences go out to Norman's family and to his crew. News of his passing has spread through agencies from Baja to Washington and we share deeply in his loss. Losing one of our own, especially at that young age is devastating. May he continue his dreams of service in the oceans of heaven.

-ed vodrazka-  
(California State Lifeguard - retired)  
LA County Lifeguard

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**Ed Vodrazka** - August 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM

KJ

“ I did not know Norman, but I have great respect for the lifeguards I've watched protecting the beach in Cape May my whole life. A young lifeguard saved my child last summer when I could not. I am sad that Norman died so young trying to keep others safe. I pray for his family and I know he is in the arms of the Lord.

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**keisha jordan** - August 26, 2021 at 11:29 PM

EC

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences, go Out to Norman and The Inferrera Family .....What a Tragic Loss ....He chose to be a Lifeguard and Save Peoples Lives and Keep them Safe...A Personell Attribute with Honor and Courage .....Were so Sorry the Accident took his Life ....What a Great Loss.....May God Bless Norman in Heaven and Forever .....Ed Conway ...Dive Captain (Ret.) The Friendship Diving & Water Rescue Unit , Phoenixville , Pa.

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**Edward Conway** - August 26, 2021 at 10:26 PM

CC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to family and friends and the entire Cape May community at this most difficult time.  
May he Rest In Peace 🙏❤️*  
*❤️🙏❤️*

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**Cynthia Chase** - August 26, 2021 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia Chase lit a candle in memory of  
Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**Cynthia Chase** - August 26, 2021 at 07:11 PM

BB

“ *I have not gotten the pleasure to know  
Norman personally. I heard about the tragic  
accident last Friday.*



*I am so deeply sadden and my heart aches,  
to hear that Norman lost his life. He was way to young to lose his  
life. It was certainly the most heartbreaking news, I have received all  
summer long and I couldn't help but shed a few tears.*

*Norman seemed to be well loved and always had a smile on his  
face. He chose to be a lifeguard, to guard others from harm. Now,  
he is a guardian angel and continues to watch over his family,  
friends & the Beach of Cape May.*

*I am so sorry for your loss and I hope the healing process begins  
soon. I will keep Norman, Norman's family and friends in my  
prayers. May Norman Rest In Peace!*

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**Bill Bannar** - August 26, 2021 at 03:34 PM

SP

“ *My heart goes out to the Inferrera Family. Norman gave his life better preparing and training himself in his surf rescue boat to save the lives of others.*

*May the Good Lord Richly Bless and Comfort You.*

*Steve Powers  
Brigantine City Beach Patrol  
1963 to 1967*

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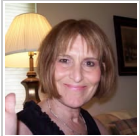
**Steve Powers** - August 26, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *I remember Norman Sr being so enchanted with his . I remember Norm driving to Cape May Beach to sit on the beach each week. May the Norman's be in God's arms ...a friend of norm and marlane rip Champ*

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**Joyce Larrabee** - August 25, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *I have had not the pleasure of meeting or connecting to Norman, but I have had a similar loss of losing a brother to a terrible accident more than 50 yrs ago at this same time. Losing a son/brother to a sudden tragic accident is heartbreaking for all family and friends. I send you peace and love at this very sad time and may your wonderful memories of Norman sustain you now and forever.*  
*Patricia*

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**Patricia Kuhn** - August 25, 2021 at 08:43 PM

FN

“ *from Cape May, NJ purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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**from Cape May, NJ** - August 25, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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August 25, 2021 at 02:30 PM

MT

“ *Mark And Diane Tilghman lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**Mark and Diane Tilghman** - August 25, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ I didn't know Norman, but have spend many beautiful hours enjoying the Cape May beaches through the years. The presence of the lifeguards and knowing they were prepared to give warnings and to help when needed is a gift that is deeply appreciated. My sincere condolences to Norman's family. There are no words adequate to describe or take away your loss and grief. I hope knowing that others care for you and hold you in prayer offers a small amount of comfort. Rev. Lin George, Grove United Methodist Church, West Chester, PA.

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**Lin George** - August 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM

BP

“ The Belmar Beach Patrol, Monmouth County, send our sincerest condolences to Normans family and to the Cape May Beach Patrol. Our prayers are with you.

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**Belmar Beach Patrol** - August 25, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.



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August 25, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JO

“ Jodi lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



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**jodi** - August 25, 2021 at 07:56 AM

AG

“ I have no connections to this Heroic young man, however I was in Cape May last week when Normans boat capsized. We were down by Grant at the time. Absolutely horrified to find out what happened and what all the commotion was about. The accident/passing of this Heroic young man has not left my mother or I.



I pray for peace, calmness, and joy once again, for this family and anyone in Normas life. Lord, Please give them the strength to remember the good time with him, and cherish those times throughout the bad. Give them strength to still see the beauty of the beach and ocean, and all things he loved. Lord, give this family strength to move forward with their lives, and carry Norman in their hearts forever. Amen

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ashley g - August 25, 2021 at 02:17 AM

NL

“ I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Norman...but can imagine what a wonderful young man he was...I was so happy to learn that he fulfilled his dream of becoming a life guard...my heart breaks for you and your families....I pray God's blessings and peace as you mourn Norman....I pray you sense God's Presence as the Holy Spirit fills your empty and hurting hearts to get you through this difficult time...



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Nancy Leith - August 24, 2021 at 10:51 PM

JC

“ *Joan P Cantarella lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



Joan P Cantarella - August 24, 2021 at 10:15 PM

JC

*Condolences to His Family. May He Rest In Peace* 🙏🙏🙏

Joan P Cantarella - August 24, 2021 at 10:17 PM

BS

*I never had the pleasure of meeting Norman. Reading about this tragedy broke my heart. May Norman's eternal memory be a shining light in the minds and hearts of his family and friends. My hope is for his family to be wrapped in the warmth of his memory forever. My prayers to his family for strength and healing during this very difficult and painful time. Norman is at peace; may God rest his soul and watch over him forever.*

Brenda Sarokhan - August 25, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JF

“ *Prayers to the family may Norman Rip*



Jennifer Fiorucci - August 24, 2021 at 09:29 PM

NK

“ Nancy Kromer lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



Nancy Kromer - August 24, 2021 at 09:01 PM

AB

“ Amy Boggs lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



Amy Boggs - August 24, 2021 at 08:50 PM

JH

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. His smiling face beams and we can not imagine your loss. We are members of the beach club as well and see that that photo is taken there. Please feel free to reach out to the Roche family. Sending heartfelt wishes during this time.  
The Roches

james hobden - August 24, 2021 at 08:48 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Herb lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



Cynthia Herb - August 24, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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August 24, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *CM Monks lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**CM Monks** - August 24, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *The Clete Cannone Family*



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**Donna Cannone Tomlin** - August 24, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Colleen lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**Colleen** - August 24, 2021 at 06:15 PM

VI

“ *Vinny lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**Vinny** - August 24, 2021 at 04:01 PM

AP

“ *A Caring Person lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**A caring person** - August 24, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JC

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences from Virginia Beach, VA. My husband was a NJ ocean lifeguard for many years (Monmouth County) & we got the news of Champ's accident almost in real time. We prayed for healing then & we offer prayers of comfort now. We cannot imagine your loss & sorrow, but we wrap you in love & support. Godspeed to your precious son, Norman. May the Lord hold him fast in his loving kingdom until you are reunited.*

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**Jo Crawford** - August 24, 2021 at 02:31 PM

PH

“ My heart aches for Norman’s family and friends, even though we have never met. My family has been coming to Cape May for over 65 years; it’s like Heaven on Earth to me. My husband and I honeymooned here 54 years ago. I happened to be on Philadelphia Beach, adjacent to Reading, the afternoon of Champ’s tragic accident. Philadelphia Beach holds memories from years gone by, along with a few ashes of our precious niece who died too young. So many memories came rushing back after hearing about Champ, even more so when I realized our only grandson is exactly Champ’s age, sharing the same birthday. I cannot imagine the pain of losing Norman so tragically, but God does and is suffering with you. I have read some of Teresa of Avila’s writing and I try to be influenced by her wisdom. When I reflect on one particular idea that “God has no other body but ours; no hands to serve, no feet to walk beside and with others” except for my own body, I ponder and wonder. What am I doing to be God’s feet and hands? At Norman’s young age, he surely was doing God’s work on Earth, by taking care of his own body and by selflessly serving others; saving lives here in one of God’s most beautiful, gracious and spacious places on Earth. I pray God’s blessings and peace to all who mourn, as you soon come together at St. Avila Church to share love and support. I pray you sense God’s loving and healing Presence as the Holy Spirit fills your empty and hurting hearts. Norman’s spirit will be with you forever; every time you see a cardinal, butterfly, feather, bluebird, and rainbow. They are reminders for us all, to bring hope and reassurance that all is truly well in the realm of angels. Champ is wholly whole and Home at last. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to you all. The Hoy Family from Stroudsburg

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**Pamela Hoy** - August 24, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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August 24, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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August 24, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *The Vogan Family lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III*



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**The Vogan Family** - August 24, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norman V. Inferrera III.*



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August 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM

CK

“ I have been lifting Champ (& his family) in prayer. My heart breaks for your loss. Unimaginable. I will always remember his selfless service when I am on the beach. Such a loss to family, friends, community, and all of the good that he would have done.

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**Carol Kunkel** - August 24, 2021 at 09:37 AM

CZ

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Never knew him but I feel like I did through Cape May though. Such a handsome caring person and was taken away way too soon. My Prayers are with you all and you have an angel looking over you all. Prayers Norman. Rest in peace



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**Catherine Zigga** - August 24, 2021 at 09:19 AM

CZ

*Bless you Norman*

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**Catherine Zigga** - August 24, 2021 at 09:24 AM

BO

*Deepest sympathy in your terrible loss*

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**Bonnie** - August 24, 2021 at 11:41 AM

LO

*I am so very sorry for your unimaginable loss. I never knew Norman, but I cannot get him out of my mind. May you find comfort in knowing that he was living his dream. Prayers for healing for you and your family. Thank you for your service, Champ. Love never dies.*

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**Lori** - August 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM

FM

“ We are Trenton Beach regulars. We watched you grow this summer. We watched you do what you loved. We watched you row, swim and be a part of CMBP. We watched and waited that faithfull day with broken hearts. We will watch for you always.

Francine May - August 24, 2021 at 08:54 AM

FM

“ Francine May lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



Francine May - August 24, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JD

“ John & Rosemarie Dettra lit a candle in memory of Norman V. Inferrera III



John & Rosemarie Dettra - August 24, 2021 at 07:24 AM