



Roland E. Nortman

April 28, 2026

Roland E. “Ron” Nortman, 91, of Syracuse, and formerly of Liverpool and Queensbury, passed away on April 28, 2026.

He became a firefighter with the Syracuse Fire Department on October 22, 1955, and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief before his retirement on February 23, 1994. He had second and third careers as a part-time employee of Rothchild’s and as a bus driver for the Liverpool Central School District.

Ron was involved in Boy Scouting, serving as Assistant Leader for Troop 209, when his sons were active members.

Active in the Masonic community since 1960, Ron was a member of Konosioni Lodge No. 950, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1988.

When a member of Warrensburg Lodge No. 425, he served as District Deputy Grand Master in 2004-2006 for the Saratoga Warren District. Also, he was a 45-year member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Syracuse and a member of Oriental Shrine - Northeast New York.

Surviving Ron are his wife, Martha Buckbee Nortman; a sister, Jean Nortman; sons, Douglas (Kathy) Nortman, David (Mary) Nortman, Michael (Donna) Nortman; grandchildren, Jeffrey (Tabitha) Nortman, Brian (Brittany) Nortman, and Nicole Nortman; great granddaughters, Cora and Vera; four nephews; and multiple great nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, George J. and Bertha E. (Hawley) Nortman; two sisters, Marilyn Panebianco and Elaine Musick; and by his first wife, the former Virginia Moatz.

Friends may visit on Monday, May 4th, 2026, from 4 to 6 pm at Fergerson

Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse where Masonic services will follow. Funeral services will be at the funeral home, Tuesday, May 5th at 10 am followed by burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse. Syracuse Fire Department members will serve as pall bearers.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Masonic Service

MAY 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences and prayers to all members of the Nortman families. Hugs and kisses across the miles Uncle Doug and Aunt Kathy, Brian and Jeff along with your families. What an incredible life Ron led. What was written of him on Syracuse.com reads as a historical article, not an obituary. Take pride in his achievements, as now I see him in all of you men. Be blessed with the time well spent together in this life. XOXO



<https://www.syracuse.com/news/2026/05/todays-obituary-roland-nortman-91-served-the-syracuse-fire-department-for-39-years.html>

Erin Crosby - May 04 at 04:46 PM

BL

“ Brett Lange purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roland E. Nortman.



Brett Lange - May 03 at 05:29 PM

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“ Brett Lange planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland E. Nortman.

Brett Lange - May 03 at 05:29 PM

MB

“ *Worked with him on the 6xth floor. May he rest in peacr. Mark Bartowski (SFD ret)*

Mark Bartowski - May 02 at 07:43 AM

KL

“ *Krit & Bud LaRose purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roland E. Nortman.*



Krit & Bud LaRose - April 30 at 09:54 AM