



## Mr. F. Norman Tuller

February 3, 1944 - February 12, 2019

F. Norman Tuller, PhD, 75, of Columbia, died suddenly, but peacefully, in his sleep, at his home, Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Born in Columbia, SC, he was a son of the late William Henry Tuller and Anne Ehrlich Tuller.

After graduating from Dreher High School, he received his collegiate degrees through the PhD in chemistry from Georgia Tech and continued with post doctorate work at Northwestern University. He was a brilliant scientist that devoted his career to research and development. Through many changes in the company, Norman loyally worked for the same firm for almost 50 years. He had many hobbies and interest. Amongst them were world wide travel, both for work and pleasure, gardening, bee keeping and most of all making and enjoying wine with his family and friends. He was a certified wine judge by the American Wine Society. Norman, a devout Christian, served in a variety of behind-the-scenes capacities at both St. John's Episcopal Church and Church of the Apostles where he was a founding member.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Martine Tuller. He is survived by his six siblings, William H. Tuller (Ginny) of Columbia, John G. Tuller (Sandy) of Honeoye Falls, NY, Anne Tuller of Columbia, Mary Davis (Craig) of Lake Wateree, Michael Tuller (Leslie) of Lake Murray and Elizabeth Tuller of Columbia. He will also be missed by his nephews and nieces and many wonderful friends. His quick wit, infectious smile and gentle spirit will be treasured by all.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Norman Tuller Scholarship Fund, American Wine Society Educational Foundation, PO Box 264, Lovettsville, VA, 20180; St. John's Episcopal Church, 2827 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC 29205; Church of the Apostles, 1520 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; or to the charity of your choice.

A service will be held 2 o'clock, Sunday, February 17th, at Church of the Apostles. The family will have a private burial. The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 o'clock, Saturday, February 16th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600

Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia.

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Service**02:00PM

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Church of the Apostles

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# Comments

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“ So sudden. So sad. But we'll see him again some day in glory! He and I hadn't been really close for several years, but we kept in touch and he sent me some money for my Holy Land trip. I hope you, his family, are not grieving too hard. He is where he always wanted to be . . . with the Lord. He and I couldn't get it together. He was hot. I was cold. He was hot. He was cold. But all that matters is that we were friends. Good friends. I will miss him terribly.

**Becky Mitchell** - February 18 at 07:10 PM

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“ Wonderful man, loving and giving. I will always remember his smile. Margaret Buchanan

**Margaret Buchanan** - February 18 at 08:32 AM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,

While I did not work with Norman as closely or for the length of time some others did at Pulcra, the short time I did have the pleasure to work with him he was a joy to work with. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was a tremendous asset to the company throughout his many years of service.

We are all very sad for your sudden loss and will miss him very much.

With deepest sympathy,

Charlie Logue

**Charles Logue** - February 17 at 06:11 PM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,

My sincere condolences. I worked with Norman for many years. He was one of the most knowledgeable chemist I ever met. He was respected by his colleagues and customers. Norman use to say, there's no such thing as a bad wine, some are just better than others. I will miss his wit and smile.

Greg Dewitt

**Greg Dewitt** - February 17 at 02:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. F. Norman Tuller.



February 16 at 01:50 PM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,  
So sorry to hear of Norm's passing. I've known Norm as a consultant for the past 10 years at Pulcra. Every time I would see him in the office I would ask "Hello Norm, How are you doing?" and he would always say "Marvelous!" His smile was infectious. His contributions will never be forgotten, and his cheerful presence will be truly missed.

With Deepest Sympathies,  
Kim

Kim - February 16 at 10:43 AM

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“ I will miss Norman's smile and presence every Sunday morning in the service. He came to the Sunday school classes each week to count folks and he always said something kind and positive to kids. I will just plain miss Norman. Tuller family, you are all in my heart and prayers.

Jane Speight - February 15 at 05:53 PM

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“ Dearest Tuller Family:  
I first met Norman many years ago as a customer but have in the past 4 years had the privilege and pleasure to work closely with him as a colleague at Pulcra. I loved Norman's many marvelous travel adventures and wine stories (both with and without customers). He was a delight to have on customer visits as his professionalism, quick wit and amazing recall / chemistry knowledge always shined through. I will especially cherish the times I stopped in Columbia to share lunch or dinner (most recently at Motor Supply) with him sometimes rescheduling due to a conflict with the church finance committee meetings or other personal commitments. His cheerful attitude and infectious smile will most certainly be missed by all who knew him.  
With sincere sympathy and condolences,  
Mary-Jean Shannon

Mary-Jean Shannon - February 15 at 12:44 PM

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“ Dear Tuller Family:

I first met Norman 26 years ago when he called on me at DuPont. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Norman at Pulcra for the last 4+ years. First and foremost I was taken by Norman's gentle nature, constant smile, and true Southern gentleman style. His willingness to share his knowledge and ability to listen intently certainly taught me much beyond chemistry. I can also speak from first hand knowledge that Norman was a most excellent cook! Renaissance Man, chemical encyclopedia, and such are all true. I will miss him most as mentor and friend. Please accept my sincerest condolences. You all will be in my, and my family's, prayers. Requiescant in pace, amicus meus.

Tim Blatchford - February 15 at 10:04 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. F. Norman Tuller.



February 15 at 03:33 AM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,

I've known Norman since I joined Henkel in 1998. For many years we met frequently in the US or in Europe or elsewhere in the world. We discussed Chemistry, went on customer calls and had long dinners in the evening and I guess there was often a bottle (or more) of wine involved. I'm very sorry that I missed the chance to share another bottle recently. We will remember Norman as a wonderful, positive and humorous person, a great chemist and a true Southern gentleman. Please accept the sincerest sympathies from myself and all the people of the Pulcra Germany team who knew him.

Sincerely,

Holger Bender

DR. HOLGER R. G. BENDER - February 15 at 03:15 AM



“ Very sad to hear of Norman's passing. He was a true saint and I have wonderful memories of him from my days at Church of the Apostles. To all of the family, please accept my sincerest sympathies and be assured of my prayers.

Blessings in Christ,  
(The Rev. Dr.) James A. Gibson

**James Gibson** - February 14 at 07:46 PM

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“ To the Tullers,  
Norman was a uniquely faithful and creative man!! If ever the term Renaissance man applied, it was Norman. There was nothing he could not do and no adventure he shied away from. We will miss him sorely every Sunday we go to church, particularly his humor and never ending smile. Prayers are with you.  
Sarah Jane & Jay <><

**Sarah Jane Byars** - February 14 at 07:05 PM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,  
  
Norman and I traversed the globe eight times during the 1990's to grow a business unit for Henkel (later Cognis, then Pulcra). Norman directed the technical support team and I was the salesman. Norman's expertise in Organic Chemistry is well known but his easy personality and strong work ethic were also on display. For eg, the highlight of each trip was the visit to the unit's largest customer in Jakarta, Indonesia. The initial sales pitch was then followed by our customer saying "Dr. Tuller, let us begin our technical discussion". The two chemists fed on each other's creativity and personality and was of great joy to see. Norman and I traveled to four different continents and overall spent close to a year together. In all that time, we were able to be both coworkers and friends. It was obvious to me that Norman cared dearly about the success of the company, his religious beliefs and his family. Norman represented the truest definition of what a gentlemen is. I witnessed it everyday spent with him. I will sorely miss him.

Sincerely,  
Rick Dammann

**Rick Dammann** - February 14 at 05:15 PM

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“ I've always known Norman to be a well rounded, pleasant, and intelligent man. I will miss his sense of humor as well. Family, your number is reduced, but you know he's with God.  
Take heart and remember the times together.

Issac

Issac - February 13 at 03:46 PM

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“ Dear Tuller Family,

So sorry to hear of Norman's passing. Norman and I were colleagues starting in 1989 first at Henkel, then Cognis, and finally Pulcra. He was a brilliant scientist, and helped create a large surfactant chemical product line that began in the early 1970's, and is still active today. If I recall correctly, Norman circumnavigated the globe 8 times during his career. Each time without returning home to rest in the middle of the journey. Really enjoyed hearing his stories, and seeing pictures from his great adventures that took him to the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu, and the plains of Africa. His quick wit, and infectious smile will surely be missed here at Pulcra.

Sincerely,

George Hudson

George Hudson - February 13 at 03:39 PM



“ Dear Tuller Family:

We are all saddened with the news of Norman's passing. Over the last few years, he had become a treasured guest at the Smith family's Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. Norman had the most warm and gentle spirit, and we have never known a more generous person. We will miss his smile, his stories of where he had traveled, his limitless knowledge of wine, his unbelievable smoked salmon and his amazing eggnog. We are blessed that we have had the opportunity to know Norman.

May he rest in peace,

Jack, Lisa, Frances and Jackson Smith

Jack Smith - February 13 at 07:01 PM



“ Dear Tuller Family:

I am so sorry to hear about Norman. I have been with Pulcra for six years and had the pleasure to work with Norman. He has been referred to as the "Chemistry Encyclopedia" on many occasions. I was amazed by his brilliance and energy. He always had an infectious

smile and dressed nicely. I loved seeing him in a tie and sweater. He selflessly offered his wisdom and knowledge during his "retirement years". I respected him for his intelligence, attire, positive attitude, and continuance of learning. I regret not speaking to him about his wine craft. It was on my to do list. He is an original and I am glad to have met him. He will be missed.

Tiffany Walker

**Tiffany Walker** - February 15 at 09:05 AM



“ Libba and Steve Griffith first got to know Norman on a 21 day trip to Germany and France in 1984 to taste the great wines and eat in starred restaurants. Norman and Hal Kohn kept the refrigerator in the bus full of good whites. It was a great trip that started a wonderful friendship with Norman. When the Grand Cru Wine Society was founded Norman was a charter member. Sarah Smith called me last week to let me know about the funeral. She said “ I just loved Norman” That’s how we all felt about that fabulous guy. The Grand Crus will sit together at the church and mourn his passing but praising God for his beautiful life. We are all better off because he lived.

**steve griffith** - February 17 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Tuller Family,

I am so sad to learn of Norman's death. I wanted to be with you yesterday at the visitation and today at the funeral, but I'm recovering from surgery and unable to come. Please know that I'm thinking of you all and remembering Norman's ever-present smile, his quick wit, and his affection for his family and friends. His was a life well-lived. Peace and love to you all.

Sara Nalley

**Sara Nalley** - February 17 at 12:18 PM