



## Norman Paige

June 20, 1929 - August 25, 2016

Norman Paige, age 87, of Mission Hills, Kansas, passed away peacefully at his home on August 25, 2016, surrounded by his family. Mr. Paige was an internationally well-known opera singer. He and his young family came to Lawrence, Kansas in 1969 where he took the position as Professor of Vocal Performance at the University of Kansas, and continued teaching until his retirement in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Inci Bashar, daughter, Peri, granddaughters, Shayla and Miranda, and sister, Naomi Popkin. The family expresses their deepest gratitude to Janet Hanemann for her gentle, loving, and devoted care during this past year. He will be sorely missed by those he touched with his beautiful voice, sense of humor, encyclopedic knowledge, enthusiasm, and kind heart, A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Paige*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Norman Paige*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Dear Inci,  
I'm so sorry to learn of dear Norman's passing. Sending you love  
and condolences, and the comfort of those who love you all.  
Sincerely,  
Julia Watkins-Davis*

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**Julia Watkins-Davis** - September 04, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ *Many prayers that sweet memories will soon bring smiles! He was a  
great man, a great voice, a great teacher.*

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**Stacy Eckert** - September 04, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *Inci and Peri,*

*Sending all our love to you and the entire family always and especially now while you are suffering this loss. I will forever be inspired by his encyclopedic knowledge of such a wide variety of things. But most of all, I will continue to be inspired by his big heart, warmth, support, and kindness.*

*Love,  
Liz Cass and Tim Brown*

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**Liz Cass** - September 04, 2016 at 09:45 AM

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“ *While attending the St. Luke's Cardio Rehab Clinic, Norman and I became fast friends. His intellectual capacity seemed endless, and together we walked the track or worked on the rowing machines on numerous mornings discussing world issues while surrounded by a number of outspoken right-wing zealots. Together we rolled our eyes at their shallow understanding gained from Fox News and the seeming limitless misreading of events and history. I was fortunate to have made friends with this wonderful man. I'm sure his family misses his wit and stories. I am sad by his passing and sincerely hope his final days were peaceful and without pain.*

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**George Baggett** - September 04, 2016 at 08:33 AM

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“ Dear Inci,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Norman was a wonderful performer and teacher. He made lasting contributions to his students and to the KU School of Music. He was a good friend, and I will miss him.*

*Stan Shumway*

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**Stan Shumway** - September 01, 2016 at 03:30 PM