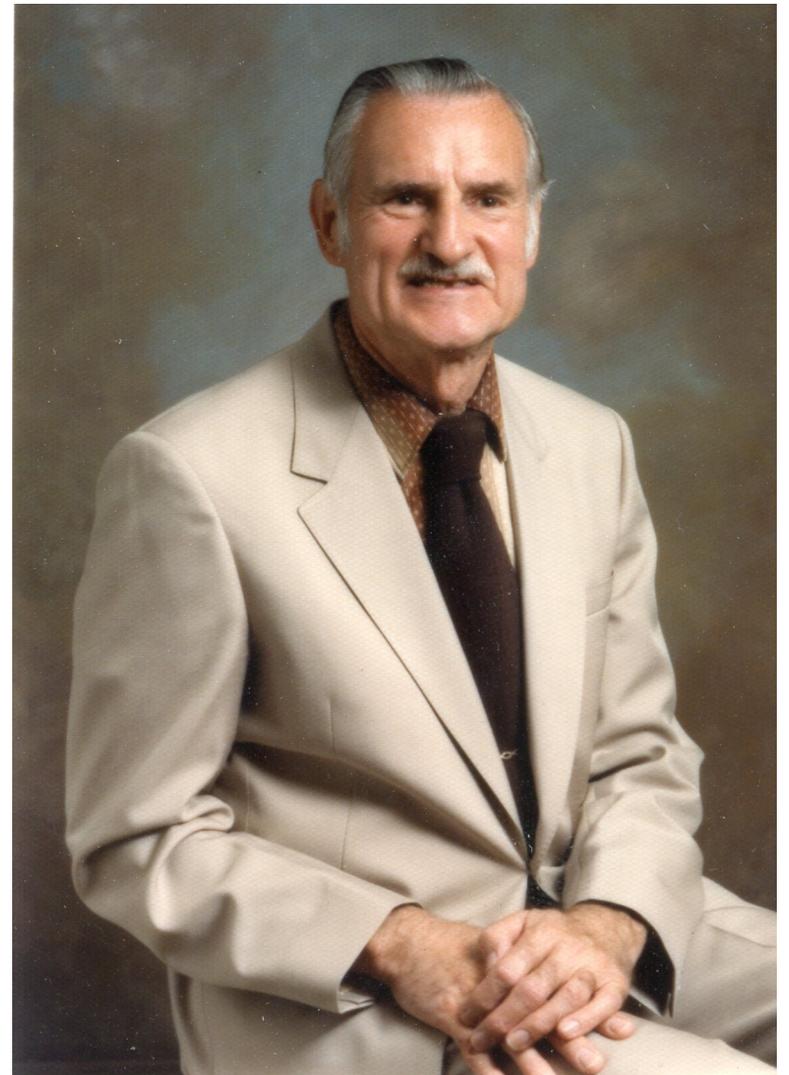




*Norman Gayle Rhinehart*  
*19 Oct 1921 - 20 Apr 2019*



Norman Gayle Rhinehart was born 19 October 1921 in Upland, Indiana as the youngest child of Alonzo Jacob "Lonnie" Rhinehart and his wife Carrie Adeline (née Thompson). Shortly after Norm was born, the family moved to Akron, Ohio.

After being in the Navy Reserves first, he was called to active duty in January 1941 but was given a medical discharge. Subsequent to the attack on Pearl Harbor in December, he went back to the recruiting office where they turned him down again, suggesting that he write to the commandant, explaining the minor reasons for the medical discharge. When he tried again in June 1942 they were in need of radio operators and he had a 1st class amateur radio license. So they took him on waivers and he went active. He was stationed in the Aleutians, working with microwave radios.

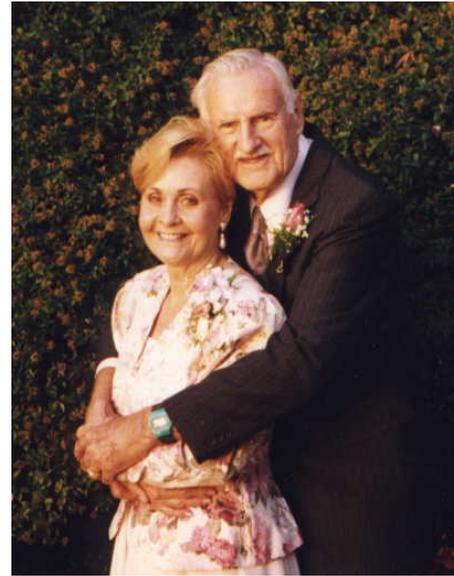


Norm met and married Eleanor Mae Ash at the Goodyear Heights Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio on 1 Jun 1947, and they moved to Altadena CA later that year, as his parents had moved to California a few years earlier. Their first day at Altadena Baptist Church (ABC was

then 1st Baptist of Altadena) was 13 Feb 1948 and their first child Kathryn was born in July of that year. There followed Karen (1952), Kay (1954), Kerry (1957), and Kenneth (1961).

During his years in Altadena, besides working and being involved with ABC, Norm was active in the Christian Business Men's Committee (CBMC), and the Pasadena Radio Club. He continued being active with CBMC into his 90's.

Following an amicable divorce in 1981, Norm moved to neighboring La Cañada, for several years, and then to Arleta. During those years, he enjoyed being in adult Christian singles groups in a couple of area churches.



In the mid-90's, Norm met Norma Lorraine (née Van Gundy). Some of the children joked that they were "meant to be" just from their names - "Norm and Norma", and they both had 5 children. They married 23 Nov 1996 at Altadena Baptist Church. Norma's five children (surname Kindel) are Kathleen (1951), Olivea (1952), Nadilee (1956), Van (1962), and Craig (1965).

After a short time remaining in Arleta, Norm and Norma

bought a house in Rialto. Though he kept his membership at Altadena Baptist, it was too far to commute each week, and they eventually found Sunrise Church in Rialto where they attended until Norm was no longer able to physically attend church. Sunrise live streams their service, so he was able to virtually continue "going to church" up until the time he entered hospice.

During his time in Rialto, he found another CBMC chapter to be involved with, and found some music activities to participate in. Norm enjoyed playing the ukulele and joined the Rialto Ukulele Club. He also was in quite a few productions of the Ollie McDonald Senior Talent Showcase.

Combining biological families and step-families, Norm leaves 10 children, 14 grandchildren (including 1 deceased), and 10 great grandchildren.

Because of his service to his country, Norm will be laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery.

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