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Claude Z. Westfall
Prof. Emeritus, General Engineering
I send my hearty congratulations to Norm for a distinguished career and wish him all the best. On the roast side of things, I see that his picture in the invitation email would indicate that he has not aged like the rest of us have. Does he use anti-aging creams or botox?

Best wishes,
Bill (Riviere)
'65, '67G ME
While a graduate student in 1968-1969 I taught in the Department of General Engineering under Matthew McNeary. Norm had the office across the hall from me on the second floor of East Annex. I always enjoyed his stories about his family, particularly one where he was horseback riding with his baby in his arms. Extremely funny!

Bob Paiement

What I most admire in Norm is his enthusiasm. The first time I really met Norm was in about 1987. There was this new-fangled invention called “Computer Aided Drafting”. Our expert was Norm. He put on a short course to educate the young faculty, i.e., me, as well as some of the more senior faculty. The manual for the program - CADKey - was at least three inches thick. Norm was able to take this monstrosity and give us very practical guidance on using the program. However, what I most remember was Norm’s enthusiasm for the potential of CAD.

In the times I seen Norm after his retirement, enthusiasm has always been in evidence. When he put an addition on his house in Plymouth - he couldn’t wait to show me pictures of the construction process. He described the major design decisions, expounded on the great work the contractor did and told me about the parts of the work he did himself.

Years later, I saw Norm at the Irving Station in Newport. He had his truck and flatbed trailer. On the trailer was a used riding lawnmower. In fact, this looked to me like the largest zero-
radius-turn mower that I’ve ever seen. It probably cut a six-foot wide swath. Well, Norm had gotten a great deal on this mower and him as proud as a father showing off his new child. Norm’s enthusiasm was in full evidence.

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We thank you for joining with us today to recognize, roast and celebrate Norman J. Viger for his service and dedication to the University of Maine and to the students of the College of Engineering.

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