



Thelma H. Norris

October 28, 1922 - August 3, 2021

Thelma H. Norris born October 28, 1922, transitioned on August 3, 2021. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Milligan, TN, the daughter of George and Viola Haynes.

She graduated as Valedictorian from Swift Memorial Junior College and went on to attend Tennessee State University and received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from East TN State University. She was an elementary school teacher for 31 years. She taught in Wilson County, TN; Lee County, VA, and the Johnson City school system. She retired in 1987.

She was a member for over 60 years at Thankful Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher in the Primary Department, Director of the Youth Department, Bible School Teacher, and a member of the YWA's. She was a member of the Pro-To Club, NAACP, UMOJA, Washington County Retired Teachers, Comwoleis Club, and Senior Saints. She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 72 years, Willie E. Norris, Jr., her son Haynes E. Norris and two grandchildren, Jason M. Fields and Jamie Lynn Fields.

She leaves to mourn her daughter Jackie (Fred) Fields, Murfreesboro, TN; her

son Thomas (Kimberly) Norris, Bristol, TN; her grandchildren Karin Petway, Murfreesboro, TN; Angela Barkley, Columbus, OH; Tony Sewell, Memphis, TN; Ashleigh (Tekai) Norris-Shu, Bristol, TN; Jason Norris, Bristol, TN; Adrienne Norris, Johnson City, TN; Ezekiel Watterson, Boston, MA; Kyerra Norris, Greensboro, NC; Kailyn Norris; Greensboro, NC; three inherited grandchildren Tracy (Joe) Mintz, Woodstock, GA, Ryan Parks, Bristol, TN and Arvid (Daphne) Hall; her 17 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, a loving godson, John F. Birchette, IV, Johnson City, TN and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. She also leaves to mourn long-time special friends, Gloria Porter, Betty Burleson, Terea Graham, Varnessa Morgan, and Robert "Buck" Johnson.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Avalon Hospice, Johnson City, TN.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM with the funeral immediately following at 11:00 AM at Thankful Baptist Church, 1501 E. Watauga Ave, Johnson City, TN.

The family will receive friends at all other times at the home of Willie & Thelma Norris, 211 Elm Street, Johnson City, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thankful Baptist Church
1501 E Watauga Ave
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-5241

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thankful Baptist Church
1501 E Watauga Ave
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-5241

Interment

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma H. Norris*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Mrs. Norris was always a kind lady. I remember her so well! My prayers go up for her children and grandchildren.*

Faye Smith Ellis - August 12, 2021 at 07:27 AM



“ *Donna Lyons Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Donna Lyons Drakeford - August 11, 2021 at 08:49 PM



My sincere love offering and condolences to Jackie & the rest of the family as you honor your Mother. Grateful for her guidance in various stages of my life, my big sister Soror!

Donna Lyons Drakeford - August 11, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Praying for the family*



pate rhea - August 11, 2021 at 10:12 AM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Van Rollins - August 11, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Phyllis Askew - August 10, 2021 at 02:16 AM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Linda Workman - August 08, 2021 at 06:13 PM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Melvin Drumgoole - August 08, 2021 at 08:41 AM

CR

“ Mrs. Norris was such a vital part of the community and contributed generously through her demeanor as a " woman of God" in her roles as wife, mother, aunt, friend, and educator. She always encouraged and " lifted" people even when their circumstances seemed dire. Those of us who were blessed to know her can keep her legacy alive by simply adhering to those principles by purposely making a difference in our neighborhoods one deed at a time. Heaven is even brighter as one more " saint" has been greeted by those who went before and oh how Mr. Norris must have smiled to greet his beloved. May God bless each of you, daughter, son, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, god-son, extended family as you move through days ahead. There will be tears but. " in the stillness of the midnight precious memories will unfold." Take comfort in the memories and live your days in the manner so that you will see her again.



Clara Faye Rutledge - August 07, 2021 at 11:34 AM

PB

“ Paul & Vanessa Braxton lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Paul & Vanessa Braxton - August 07, 2021 at 10:06 AM

GB

“ G. L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



G. L. & Trish Bristol - August 07, 2021 at 09:31 AM

GF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gary & Moricina Fain - August 07, 2021 at 07:28 AM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Gary & Moricina Fain - August 07, 2021 at 07:26 AM

GF

We are keeping you all in our prayers.

Gary & Moricina Fain - August 07, 2021 at 07:27 AM

RH

“ Sister Norris was a consistent example of dignity and kindness for my children during their formative years at Thankful

Randy F. Huffines - August 07, 2021 at 05:55 AM

PD

“ Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Pauline Douglas - August 06, 2021 at 06:33 PM

NV

“ *Condolences to the grieving family. Rembering you in our prayers.*
Yt & Nancy Vaughan. Murfreesboro. Tn



Nancy & Yt Vaughan - August 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Janice wells - August 06, 2021 at 12:50 PM

ED

“ *Eleanor Devlin lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Eleanor Devlin - August 06, 2021 at 11:17 AM

Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Mary Rollins - August 06, 2021 at 04:58 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr. lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Louis locke jr. - August 06, 2021 at 12:41 AM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - August 05, 2021 at 08:12 PM

CH

“ *Clarence "Doochie" and Barbara Hall*



Clarence "Doochie" & Barbara Hall - August 05, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CH

“ *Clarence "Doochie" & Barbara Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Clarence "Doochie" & Barbara Hall - August 05, 2021 at 07:24 PM

CH

“ Clarence "Doochie" & Barbara Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Clarence "Doochie" & Barbara Hall - August 05, 2021 at 07:22 PM

CB

“ Charles Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Charles Buford - August 05, 2021 at 06:52 PM

KM

“ Kathy Mills lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Kathy Mills - August 05, 2021 at 06:21 PM

RO

“ Raymond & Carol Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - August 05, 2021 at 06:02 PM

KJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers. She and Willie were some of my favorite customers.

Kim Harrell Johnson

Kim Harrell Johnson - August 05, 2021 at 10:07 AM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Carol Bradley - August 05, 2021 at 12:57 AM

GM

“ Heaven has gained an angel. Willie will be welcoming her with open arms. Mrs. Norris was alwayswelcoming you with a smile andvopen arms. May your faith and memories sustain you during this time. God Bless each member of the family and her church family. Love in Christ Glenda McCracken.

Glenda McCracken - August 04, 2021 at 10:22 PM

TP

“ We send our Heartfelt Condolences, Sympathy & Prayers to the entire family and friends of Ms. Thelma . She was such a sweet lady . I met her at David & Roberta Duggers home several years ago. Rest In Paradise Ms. Thelma Norris.



Theodore & Phuong Page - August 04, 2021 at 08:36 PM

NG

“ Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of
Thelma H. Norris



Nancy Greenlee - August 04, 2021 at 08:28 PM

TG

“ Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in
memory of Thelma H. Norris



Terea and Thomas Graham - August 04, 2021 at 06:30 PM

RH

“ Robert Hall lit a candle in memory of Thelma
H. Norris



Robert Hall - August 04, 2021 at 04:54 PM

LP

“ Linda Pond lit a candle in memory of Thelma
H. Norris



Linda Pond - August 04, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LF

“ Linda Pond - Fair lit a candle in memory of
Thelma H. Norris



Linda Pond - Fair - August 04, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PB

“ Continued prayers for comfort and peace.
May your loving memories surround you with
Joy!



Pastor Bobby G. and Lisa E. Black - August 04, 2021 at 03:21 PM

PB

Pastor Bobby

Pastor Bobby G. and Lisa E. Black - August 04, 2021 at 03:24 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thelma H. Norris



Viola Patton - August 04, 2021 at 03:15 PM

VS

“ *Ron & Vanessa Stephens sending prayers.*



Vanessa Stephens - August 04, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Myra Jan Malone lit a candle in memory of
Thelma H. Norris*



Myra Jan Malone - August 04, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thelma H. Norris*



Cheryl Rhea - August 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM



Sweet Peace “Teenager” One of the most beautiful blessings to Grace the lives of many, Mrs. Norris, your lovingkindness will be cherished always. Sincere condolences to the Haynes/Norris Families. Love and Prayers, Cheryl Rhea and Family

Cheryl Rhea - August 04, 2021 at 12:58 PM

GF

“ *She meant so much to our family. Beautiful women inside and out.*

Geneva Fain - August 04, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sandra Davis lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Sandra Davis - August 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM

RC

“ *Rhonda & Ben Conley lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Rhonda & Ben Conley - August 04, 2021 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - August 04, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SI

“ *Susie Inman lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Susie Inman - August 04, 2021 at 08:29 AM

SI

So very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers

Susie Inman - August 04, 2021 at 08:30 AM

PN

“ *Phyllis Noaks lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Phyllis Noaks - August 04, 2021 at 05:50 AM

JP

“ *Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris*



Janice Phillips - August 03, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RF

“ Renea Hall & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Renea Hall & Family - August 03, 2021 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - August 03, 2021 at 06:41 PM

JA

“ Jaymon lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Jaymon - August 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JA

“ Jaymon, edna and Adeline



Jaymon - August 03, 2021 at 05:58 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thelma H. Norris*



Van Rollins - August 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM

NS

“ *Nancy S.Posey lit a candle in memory of
Thelma H. Norris*



Nancy S.Posey - August 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM

RP

“ *Roz Saunders Pampkin lit a candle in
memory of Thelma H. Norris*



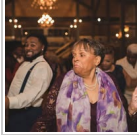
Roz Saunders Pampkin - August 03, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Thelma H. Norris.*



August 03, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Carolyn Fain - August 03, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ I will truly miss you Aunt Thelma. And angel has gained her wings. Love you.

Shelia Bagwell - August 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM

AH

“ Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Alberta Harris - August 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

AH

“ Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Thelma H. Norris



Alberta Harris - August 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM