



Johnnie Farris Norris

June 4, 1925 - November 14, 2020

Branchville

Johnnie Farris Norris, Sr., passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the age of 95. He was a native of Branchville, SC and a graduate of the Branchville School System where he played football and baseball. He was born on June 4, 1925 to C. Morgan and Pearl Berry Norris. He married to the love of his life, Hazel Cain Norris. They had 3 children, John Jr., (Pamela), Christine (Dan) Redding, and Charlene (Tony) Negron. He is survived by 5 grandchildren, Alex Norris, Danny (Melanie) Redding, David Redding, Becky (Charles) Justice, and Mike (Brooke) Coble. He is also survived by 7 great grandchildren, Coleman Skeen, Aubrey Skeen, Kylie Skeen, Campbell Justice, Georgia Coble, Colt Coble, and Daisy Coble.

John was a member of Branchville Baptist Church where he served as Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and other various positions in the church. He was a Lay Speaker for many area churches but truly loved his time at Hunters Chapel Baptist church. He was a member of The Branchville Masonic Lodge, Gideon's, and Scottish rite.

He was a veteran of World War II, and the Korean War. He was proud and honored to serve his country and loved going to the schools to answer questions the children had about these wars.

After the war he began working for the Southern Railroad, now Norfolk Southern Corporation. After working for 45 years at the railroad, he and his wife moved to Branchville where e became involved in the town Council,

member of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, SC Heritage Corridor, and his most precious joy was being President of the Branchville Railroad Shrine Museum, where he would give tours where Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Hazel Norris, his parents, and 4 brothers, Tommy, Clarence, Clifford, and Carl. He is survived by one brother, Mike (Jane) Norris of St. George, and a number of nieces and nephews. His goal in life was to share his faith in Jesus Christ and to help others that needed a helping hand. There will be a graveside service Wednesday November 18, 2020 at Ott Cemetery in Branchville at 2:00 PM with Rev. Tim Shaw officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before services at the cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Branchville Railroad Shrine Museum, P.O. Box 73 Branchville SC 29432. Online condolences can be made at www.ottfh.com

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *David And Sarah Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Farris Norris*



David and Sarah Hawkins - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *May God's Blessings Be With Each of You during this time of Loss. Your father being 95 years of age has to have been a Blessing for the Family and One of the Many Things That Can Be Celebrated. I know that He Must Have Been Proud of His Children..... We send Our Condolences*

David and Sarah Hawkins - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *So sweet, thank you all!*

christineredding - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Thank you for your kind words! Christine Norris Redding*

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“ *Thank you so much!*

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“ Thank you so much! He loved going to the Depot!

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CH

“ Thank you so much, Keith!

christineredding - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ John, our condolences on the loss of your Dad. We are lifting up you and your family during this time. May the Lord comfort and bless you.

Mike and Carrie Gibson - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ John & Family - Please accept our condolences on the passing of your beloved dad. Blessings, Patti & Ben Sparks

Patti & Ben Sparks - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Tribute Store lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Farris Norris



Tribute Store - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Prayers for the family of Mr. Norris. He must have been loved by many. Beverly Keith



Beverly Keith - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Carole Smith lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Farris Norris



Carole Smith - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mr. Norris was a living treasure, a friend to all, he was always fun to speak with and he was most certainly a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. I will miss his warmth and kindness when I visit The Depot; it won't be the same without him. Blue sky, red sunsets, and God's loving arms- RIP.

Cindy Hudson - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Uncle Johnnie rest in peace with your Lord. To my cousins may the Lord bless and comfort you in your dad's passing. Keith Norris

Keith Norris - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I actually do not know Johnnie but I know his grandson, Mike well. Mike is an amazing young man and good friend. All I can say is hats off to Johnnie for raising an outstanding you man. It speaks volumes of the kind of man you were.

Kimberly Czaja - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We lost a beautiful person that will be sorely missed, but Heaven gained an Angel. There are no words to express just how wonderful Mr Norris was to so many, our Country and the Community. Our family thought so much of him. Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant.. Matt 25:23 - Pastor Jim Bogstad, LeAnne & boys Prospect Southern Methodist Church- Branchville SC



LeAnne Bogstad - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ He was (IS) a sparkle of God's love. He always gave Aunt Hazel body lotion from Victoria's Secret, Angel Dreams, her favorite fragrance. He always thought of others before himself. We stopped in Lithonia for a visit on our way to camping in Stone Mountain years ago. He and Aunt Hazel wouldn't let us leave until they loaded our car with lots of goodies. We will always be grateful for God letting us share his life .with us. We will reunite later. Barb,Phil and Nick

Barbara Shweda - November 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM