



James Jenkins Norris

March 26, 1952 - December 20, 2023

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me”
-John 14:1

James Jenkins Norris “Hot” was born March 26, 1952, in Starkville, MS. The first of seven children, he was born to the late Jimmie Lee Norris and Thelma Robinson.

He received Christ at an early age at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

James graduated from Moor High School in 1970. After graduation, he became a carpenter and quickly built a successful contracting business.

James enjoyed playing baseball with the Bethel Braves, spending lots of quality time with family and friends, and cooking for others.

James was preceded in death by his father Jimmie Norris and mother Thelma Robinson; sister Cynthia Norris; brother Julius Norris; grandmothers Emma Norris and Martha Jackson; grandfathers John Norris and Matthew Robinson; three aunts Marie Outlaw, Lucy Larry and Elizabeth Boykin and one uncle, Matthew Robinson Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories his beautiful wife, Shellie Norris of New

Orleans, LA; four children: Michael (Tammy) Ward of Tupelo, MS, Douglas (Quinette) Norris of Columbus, MS, Larandal (Shonda) May of New Orleans, LA, and Joy (Akin) Lagundoye of Milwaukee, WI; eleven grandchildren: Demarcus Norris of Miami, FL, Tiasha Moore of Tupelo, MS, Deidre Norris of Starkville, MS, Justin Gilbert of Los Angeles, CA, Tanequa Ward of Tupelo, MS, Jonathan Williams of Starkville, MS, Rodneisha Coleman of New Orleans, LA, Shayla May of New Orleans, LA, Debria Norris of Starkville, MS, Michael Tyler Ward of Tupelo, MS and Douglas Norris II of Starkville, MS; stepmother, Nancy Norris of Starkville, MS; mother-in-law, Lue Dellar May-Dotson of Brooksville, MS; siblings: Denise Inge, Kefauver (Jackie) Norris, and Jimmie (Gloria) Norris all of Starkville, MS; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family, and a world full of friends too.

Cemetery Details

Zion Franklin Cemetery

3591-3599 Pike Road
Starkville, MS 39759

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5854

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM.

New Zion United Methodist Church
2169 S. Montgomery St
Starkville, MS

Pastor Tyrone Stallings, officiating

Tribute Wall

VE

“ *Victor And Lori Evans lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Victor and Lori Evans - December 30, 2023 at 11:25 PM

RB

“ *Doug you and your family have my sympathy and condolences*



Rose Billups - December 30, 2023 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ *Charles Wilson lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Charles Wilson - December 30, 2023 at 05:47 PM

BE

“ *Betty Ellis lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Betty Ellis - December 30, 2023 at 04:38 PM

DF

“ Shellie my prayers are with you and your family! James will be missed.



Dolores, Erskin Taylor and family - December 30, 2023 at 11:10 AM

JE

“ Jackie Easley lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Jackie Easley - December 30, 2023 at 09:55 AM

AN

“ Annie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Annie Norman - December 30, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DM

“ Condolences from Annie J Malone and Diana Malone Nance to the Norris Family. Praying that our Lord, who loves you so dearly, will speak blessings and comfort to your heart in the coming days.

Annie Jane Malone, Crawford, MS and Diana Malone Nance, Augusta, GA



Diana Malone-Nance - December 29, 2023 at 10:19 PM

DN

“ *Diana M Nane*



Diana M Nance - December 29, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CC

“ *Remembering those good Ole Bethel Team. James always had a warm inviting smile. Sadly missed.*



Carlene Crawford Chandler - December 29, 2023 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ *Carla Malone lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Carla Malone - December 29, 2023 at 07:51 PM

SM

“ *Shamiko Malone lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Shamiko Malone - December 29, 2023 at 07:47 PM

BD

“ Condolences from the Dotson family to the Norris family may the piece of God be your daily experience.
The Dotson family
Sturgis, Mississippi



Betty Dotson-Hannah - December 29, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JB

“ Uncle Jr. you will be truly missed!



Jermice Belk - December 29, 2023 at 10:13 AM

EE

“ Evelyn Ellis lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Evelyn Ellis - December 29, 2023 at 12:38 AM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - December 29, 2023 at 12:16 AM



“ Rita Robinson lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Rita Robinson - December 28, 2023 at 11:51 PM



“ Praying for strength that you may be strengthen during this difficult time 🙏🙏



Pam Dancer - December 28, 2023 at 09:28 PM

MG

“ *Maria Gandy sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Maria Gandy - December 28, 2023 at 08:29 PM

LC

“ *Lois Childs-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Lois Childs-O'Neal - December 28, 2023 at 02:01 PM

BO

“ *Billy & Lorene Oaby sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Billy & Lorene Oaby - December 28, 2023 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ *Edward & Anne Skinner sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Edward & Anne Skinner - December 28, 2023 at 10:33 AM

RM

“ R MCGee lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



R MCGee - December 28, 2023 at 10:27 AM

WS

“ Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - December 27, 2023 at 11:21 PM

TA

“ Tammy Agnew lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Tammy Agnew - December 27, 2023 at 08:49 PM

LS

“ I grew up loving baseball and used to go to Bethel Braves games as a kid to watch Jr play. He was one of my favorite players to watch. I pitched a no hitter in little league and Jr was the homeplate umpire. At 18 I joined the team and Jr was still playing at an extremely high level. He was the best hitter around and catcher. He worked with me and convinced me to start pitching. We won many games and he was my catcher in the 10 inning championship victory over Louisville. He called the perfect game for me. I tell the story at least once a week to this day. Jr was Family to me and I just want to give my condolences to the Family, the Braves teammates, and the Zion, Bethel, and Starkville community who had the pleasure of knowing James Norris, Jr. Rest well "Hot"



Larry Skinner - December 27, 2023 at 07:56 PM

AB

Those was the good ole days,we loved those Bethel Braves! "Hot" hadn't heard that name on many years...Awesome Memories "Skin"

Ann Bishop-Harris - December 28, 2023 at 03:47 AM

VP

“ Vickie Petty lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Vickie petty - December 27, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ *Marguerite Moore lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Marguerite Moore - December 27, 2023 at 07:04 PM

WC

“ *William Carr lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



william carr - December 27, 2023 at 06:47 PM

SB

You will be miss

Shirley Beckum - December 27, 2023 at 07:03 PM

BH

“ *Barbara W Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Barbara W Hill - December 27, 2023 at 05:02 PM

RW

“ *I lit a candle for you.*



Roxine Robinson Ware - December 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ *My deepest condolences to the Norris family. May God strengthen you as you mourn the loss of your beloved James.*

Roxine Robinson Ware - December 27, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DJ

“ *DORA JACKSON lit a candle in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



DORA JACKSON - December 27, 2023 at 03:15 PM

GB

“ *May the memories you hold in your heart bring you healing and peace*

Gloria M Blunt



Gloria Blunt - December 27, 2023 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ *Wishing you strength and comfort for today and in the days ahead*

Annie J Malone



Annie J Malone - December 27, 2023 at 01:56 PM

CB

“ *Charles And Charity Bevill-Lawerance sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Charles and Charity Bevill-Lawerance - December 27, 2023 at 01:05 PM

QM

“ *Queen Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Queen Malone - December 27, 2023 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Queen Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Queen Malone - December 27, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family, may God strengthen the family doing this time !* 🕯️



Lorene Osby - December 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Henry&Annie Sherman sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Henry&Annie sherman - December 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Glenda roberts - December 27, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Annie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris*



Annie Norman - December 27, 2023 at 07:04 AM

AH

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the entire family 🙏🙏🙏



Ann Bishop - Harris - December 27, 2023 at 04:16 AM

CF

Sending condolences to the family

Cecil Jones Sr and family - April 19, 2024 at 11:11 PM

CS

Sending condolences to the family

Cecil Jones Sr - April 19, 2024 at 11:12 PM

CJ

Sending condolences to the family

Cecil Jones - April 19, 2024 at 11:13 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Jenkins Norris



Cynthia Robinson - December 27, 2023 at 12:49 AM