



Henry Norris Sr.

August 12, 1940 - July 12, 2023

Henry Lee Norris, Sr., 82, of Millersville, Missouri passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at his residence.

He was born August 12, 1940 in Charleston, MO as the first of 16 children, including 12 boys and 4 girls to Henry Phillip and Addie Mae Bettis (Whittaker) Norris.

Henry and Virginia exchanged vows on January 20th, 1995, in Jackson, Missouri. Together, they crafted a love story that spanned 30 beautiful years, embracing each other's dreams and passions. A dedicated truck driver with a thirst for exploration, Henry's eyes lit up as he traversed the country's highways. Virginia was his co-pilot, and together, they discovered and camped the wonders of this nation. From the majesty of Yellowstone National Park to the historical allure of the original colonies, they sought and found the beauty that surrounded them. She survives him in Millersville.

As a Vietnam War Veteran, Henry proudly served the United States Army for 8 years, 5 of those spent overseas, serving in the 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division and 32nd Cavalry Regiment earning the title of Staff Sergeant and other commendations including two Purple Hearts, US Army Aviation Air Crew Gunner Wings, an Air Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Berlin), Combat Infantry

Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and an Expert Auto Rifle, Machine Gun, Pistol, Rocket Launcher, Carbine and Recoilless Rifle Medal.

From his distinguished service in the military, where he earned accolades for his bravery and commitment, to his tireless efforts as a truck driver, Henry's work ethic and sense of duty never wavered. During the catastrophic hurricane Katrina, he fearlessly joined the ranks of FEMA, bringing hope and aid to those in need during their darkest hours. His extraordinary courage was further demonstrated during the Mt. St. Helens eruption, where he selflessly carried dynamite to assist in the restoration efforts. A die hard Trump fan, Henry loved his Momma, his country and the military. Beyond his unwavering patriotism, one of Henry's greatest joys in life was being a loving Paw Paw to his two cherished grandchilln, fondly known as "Little Butt" and "Violent Violet." Their laughter and love kept him going, infusing every day with happiness and purpose.

Survivors include two sons, Henry Tyler Norris of Camas, WA, Henry "Jr. My Boy" (Casey Hebrock) Lee Norris, Jr. of Benton, MO; three daughters, Tammy Lynn (Gann) Norris of Wichita Falls, TX, Rebecca "Punpkin Butt" Lee (Reano "Baby Cakes") Sanchez of Benton, MO, Cierra Ra'Nae "Baby Spook" ((Fiancée Jacob "Sweet Cheeks" Harvell)) Norris of Applecreek, MO; two granddaughters, Charlotte "Little Butt" Mae Rivers Sanchez, Violet "Violent Violet" Ra'Nae Sanchez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and some siblings.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday July 20, 2023 at the Unity Baptist Church in Benton, MO.

Military Honors provided by the United States Army.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **20**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Unity Baptist Church
4846 St. Hwy. 77
Benton, MO 63736

Tribute Wall

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“ *Emma B lit a candle in memory of Henry Norris Sr.*



Emma B - July 22, 2023 at 01:38 PM

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May the good Lord take you into his home and keep you in comfort, love and peace forever more.

Emma B - July 22, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *You took ur dreams and mine. U left me here with ours. It's not fair. I love you so much. Thank u for being u. Thank u for 30 yrs and 3 beautiful kids. We miss u oh so much. I'm glad ur not suffering, I bet the air is so fresh for u now. It's hard pushing through to get through without u.*

Virginia Norris - July 22, 2023 at 01:24 PM

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I'm so terribly sorry for you and for your loss and I have wishes and prayers of healing for you and your children and grandbabies to his family. I send my deepest condolence. It has been a long journey with you and Henry. I remember when that marriage started. I love you all fly high, Henry . RIP

Myra McGee - July 22, 2023 at 01:44 PM

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“ Henry and Gin would come visit and he loved to play us the guitar..He always had a smile that when u seen it no matter what... u couldnt help but to smile right back.. We are gonna miss ya ..Henry Norris... We will never forget ya..Bet... XOXO

Nicole Smith - July 22, 2023 at 12:34 PM

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“ The time he was showing me a pressure point he learned back when he was in service an he showed me a little too much and had my head held down on the counter and Virginia thought we was fighting but we wasn't he was just teaching me a few tricks at that time haha but frfr I've always had nothing but respect for that man an I also got the opportunity to shake his hand an thanked him for his services

Anthony Gregory - July 22, 2023 at 12:31 PM