



## Frank Baker Norris Sr.

January 8, 2024

Frank Baker Norris Sr, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Ira Ernest Norris Sr and Henrietta Scott. He passed away on Monday, January 8, 2024, at his home. Frank attended Upper Dublin High School in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

Frank served in the United States Army from February 25, 1963, to November 10, 1969, where he fought in the Vietnam War. During his time of service, Frank received several awards: Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal & Bronze Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge of 1st Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device (1960), and Expert Badge & Auto Rifle Bar & Rifle Bar.

Frank was employed as an Assembly Line Worker at Ford Motor Company in New Holland, PA. He retired in 1999. Following his retirement, he continued to work various part-time jobs in security.

Frank was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lancaster, PA, under the leadership of Reverend Edward Bailey, Senior Pastor. He served many years at the Mary Boots and Jean Polite Food Bank in Lancaster, PA.

Frank enjoyed deep sea fishing, poker, caring for his beloved dog, Rocky, and spending time with his family and friends. Frank was well-known in the neighborhood for his generosity and willingness to help those in need. He was affectionally known as the “candy man” because he enjoyed giving candy to the neighborhood's children.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his children, Tracey Kendrick, Keya (Mike) Spruill, Leya Ross, Christine Gray, Therese (Christopher) McNeil, Cheryl (Maurice) Allen, Frank Norris Jr.; brother, Bruce Norris, and sister, Evelyn Alexander. Also to cherish his memory are 21 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Antoinette, son, Frank “Tony” Gray, and sixteen siblings.

A Funeral Service will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 450 East Strawberry Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Friends are welcome to the viewing starting at 9:00 a.m.

**\*\* CHANGE\*\*** Interment will now take place on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 2pm at Rolling Green Memorial Park in West Chester, PA.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **19.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
450 E Strawberry St  
Lancaster, PA 17602  
(717) 393-8379

## Funeral Service

JAN **19.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel AME Church

## Graveside

JAN **22.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Rolling Green Memorial Park  
1008 West Chester Pike  
West Chester, PA 19382

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Keya Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank Baker Norris Sr.*



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**Keya norris** - January 19, 2024 at 02:45 AM

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“ *Hi Dad*

*Rest in peace* 🙏



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**Leya Ross** - January 18, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Baker Norris Sr..*



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January 18, 2024 at 08:58 AM

DD

“ *From: Drs Henry & Teresa Daniels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Baker Norris Sr..*

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**Drs Henry & Teresa Daniels** - January 18, 2024 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Jean Blackman purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Frank Baker Norris  
Sr..



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**Jean Blackman** - January 17, 2024 at 10:13 AM

EB

“ Sending prayers n condolences to the Norris family/relatives/friends  
regarding the passing of Frank from Earl/Mary/Bonnie, Little  
Nick, Monique/Gai Gai/Briana/Aaron/Papa Boots. Over the years we  
all had the opportunity to work side by side with Frank at the food  
bank. He was very reliable n hard worker dedicated to the mission  
of reaching out to those people needing food. The food bank lost a  
good friend. RIP Frank

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**Earl Papa Boots** - January 16, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Frank Baker Norris Sr..



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January 16, 2024 at 02:01 PM

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“ May God continue to bless and comfort you during this difficult time.  
Your family was an inspiration to all he came in contact with ❤️🙏

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**Christina Ladson** - January 16, 2024 at 09:18 AM

KS

“ I love you daddy, and you will always be in my heart, rest in paradise.



**Keya Norris spruill** - January 13, 2024 at 06:54 PM

GG

*I'm a fellow Veteran as well. I'm the brother of Alex Gonzalez. Sorry for your loss. He will always be in my heart. I live in New Jersey I visit frequently. And stop by and talk about the good old days while in the military, Frankie was a generous and kind man that I ever knew he will be miss rest in peace my brother, you in good hands with God I'll see you up there. My friend my deep condolences.*

**George Gonzalez** - January 14, 2024 at 06:41 AM

EB

*I'm sorry for your lost praying for his family frank was more than a friend he was family we going to miss you frank love you Mr frank*

**Elaine Brown** - January 14, 2024 at 04:21 PM