



Norris Malone Harris

June 23, 1928 - August 22, 2018

Norris Malone Harris, 90, of Normangee, TX, passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 in Bryan, TX with his children at his side. Graveside services are scheduled for 10AM on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Wealthy Cemetery in Normangee, TX.

Norris was born on June 23, 1928 in Humble, TX to H. Clinton and Mattie May (Gay) Harris. He married Ernestine Johnson in 1953. He graduated from Sam Houston State University with a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in education, and was a life-time educator and rancher. Norris served his country proudly in both The United States Marine Corp during World War II and The United States Coast Guard in peacetime. In 2005, he and Ernestine moved to Normangee to spend their retirement years.

Norris was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his brothers, Otto, Terry and Nolan. He is survived by his daughter, Norine L. Harris of Normangee, TX and his son, Myron M. Harris and his wife Margaret; his granddaughters, Margaret M. Harris and Kate L. Harris of Spring, TX; and his sister, Helen Grigory.

Cemetery Details

Wealthy Cemetery

Normangee, TX

Tribute Wall

RP

“ I also think that the best teacher I ever had was Mr Norris M Harris . I don't know Daniel, but I know we share the same opinion about the best teacher of all. I remember him telling the boys that when you were shaking a man's hand, "don't hand a man a wet rag, you get a hold like you mean it". He expressed his displeasure about things by saying "That really chaps me, that really chaps me!" We had math hour twice a day. He said you could use math for everything in life. He was right. When we were good during the week (or kinda) we'd get to play baseball on the last hour every Friday against Mr Carliles (sp) class. My memory had us at 20 wins, 2 losses and no ties. 68 year old memory, but very vivid. I remember him always being very proud of his Santa Gertruda cattle, although I don't remember the details. He had a VW beetle that was beige or gray, as I remember. He tried to help a "troubled " boy by picking him up each morning on his way in from Humble and giving him a ride home. His name was Ronald Savitsky. Ronald had a knack for making an escape around 2:58 sometimes to reinforce his position as the boy you didn't want to see after school . Mr Harris was a very kind and gentle man and I never knew of his military service until I saw his obituary . The world could sure use to have more teachers like him . I went to Berry elementary on Berry rd from 62-69. I'd love to hear from his family if you want, redtruckrandy44@gmail.com. Again probably the most influential person in my early life by far and I'm still good at math 😊

randy price - December 13, 2025 at 11:18 PM

DH

“ When the question is asked "Who is your favorite teacher?", one of the two names that pop into my head is always Mr. Norris Harris. I had him in both the 5th and 6th grades of James Berry Elementary School on the north side of Houston in 1965 & 66. When I searched using his name on a whim, I did not expect to find him. To the memory of an 11 or 12-year-old boy, he seemed ancient and wise back then. I expected he had passed from this world long ago, but I am pleased with the long life and family I see he enjoyed. I was concerned about leaving a message here fearing another shared his name, but I am now sure the picture here is that same face from those decades ago. Please rest well Mr. Harris. You are well thought of and your life as an educator is part of a great legacy that few can claim. Dan Herrin (Danny to you)



DANIEL ROY HERRIN - October 15, 2019 at 04:58 PM



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Harris

This is so touching! Thank you so much for sharing. I will share this with my father and the family.

Margaret Harris - April 11, 2023 at 06:09 PM

LM

“ We will always remember Norris as the the fast moving and happy neighbor. We have known him for 30 years and we will miss his laughs and jokes with us. He was a great friend to us always, would come to help at the first call and share what he had. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rest in Peace, Norris.

Larry & Georgia Morgan

Larry Morgan - August 25, 2018 at 09:04 AM