



William "Bill" Norris

November 11, 1924 - March 5, 2014

William "Bill" Norris, 89, of Benton Harbor, went to his rest with his Lord Jesus Christ early on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11:00 A.M., on Monday, March 10, 2014, at the Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2075 Highland Ave., in Benton Harbor, with Pastor Zebron Neube officiating. Burial will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor with Military Rites. Visitation will be held from 10:30 until the time of the service, Monday, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Bill was born November 11, 1924, in Georgetown, Georgia. He was one of six children born to Isaac and Ada Norris. Bill proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army. He worked at American Decal Company for over 42 years and retired in 1989. Bill will be remembered as a man of honor and integrity in all that he did. He was fondly known as "Chief" for all of his involvement in the community. Bill served as liaison with the Chicago Police Department for his involvement in helping children overcome gang activity. He worked closely with the St. Agatha Catholic Parrish in the North Lawndale neighborhood in Chicago providing afterschool and weekend activities for inter-city youth. Bill was an exemplary example of the promotion of respect: his motto was ... "Respect is not an option but an obligation." An avid reader, Bill had strong value for the need of quality education. He also enjoyed music, particularly Gospel, Jazz, and Big Band. Locally, he was a long-time member and usher at the Highland Ave. Seventh-day Adventist in Benton Harbor. Bill will affectionately be remembered as being a loving husband and father.

Bill is survived by his wife, Wyomia of nearly 37 years; children, Celinda (Vertis) Moore of Broadview, IL, Patricia (Calvin) Williams of Maywood, IL, and Leroy Young of Chicago, IL; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; his brother, Eugene Norris of Cleveland, OH; sisters-in-law, Illa Perry, Dorothy Norris in addition to numerous other brothers and sisters-in-law; as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Deloris Norris; and by his siblings, Abraham Norris, Geneva Reeves, Isaac Norris, Jr., and Willie Milton.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Highland Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church
2075 Highland Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI

Service

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