



In Loving Memory of

Theodore D. Norris

Sunrise
January 13, 1945

Sunset
February 21, 2011

Saturday, February 26, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Obituary

Theodore Durie Norris was born in New York City, New York to Monty Norris and Beatrice Friedman on January 13, 1945. He was an only child.

“Teddy” as he was known to family and friends, attended school in the NYC Public School System. He graduated from George Washington High School. He married his sweetheart of twenty-two years, Olivia Bryant on August 22, 2001. He has one stepson, Devon Bryant Cooper.

Teddy worked for the United States Postal Service for thirty-three years, until his failing health forced him into retirement. The spirit was willing but the body just wasn't able.

Teddy grew up in the Catholic Church, but in recent years he started attending Sunday services. Just before his illness stopped him from getting around, he found a church family and was beginning to feel comfortable, at Trinity A.M.C. Church.

Teddy was an active member of the Democratic Club. He was also a hard working member of the Manhattanville Tenants Association, where he lived for over thirty years. He was always available to lend a hand, a donation, a voice or whatever was needed to make his community a better, safer place to live. He never missed a single day, or as his cohorts would say with a smile, night of patrol.

When you think of Teddy, think, Family, Friends, Food and Fun. He was always the life of any gathering. At family reunions, you could find him sitting at the table playing cards where we would laugh and accuse him of making up the rules as the game went along. He played Santa for three generations of children. He loved dancing and plays. He would break out his dance shoes and entertain the seniors of Manhattanville in the center, or the Ballfield. As a young boy, he performed in a production of Aida. He was also a die hard Yankees fan, win, lose or draw. To have him as a friend meant you had someone you could count on. He would help anyone, the only questions he would ask was, When do you need it and How would you like it done?

Teddy would travel all over with his wife to see their families and he most certainly will be missed. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Olivia; stepson, Devon; aunt, Ramona Whittington; two brothers-in-law, David Faucett, Fredrick Bryant and Robert Slade; one sister-in-law, Linda Bryant; three god-children; and a host of cousins, and so many friends that they can't be counted, let alone named. So to all of you we say, carry on, avocate, and be active in making your community a better place.

~Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Minister and Family

Opening Prayer Audrey Chisolm

Selection “At The Cross”
Congregation

Scripture Readings Carol Mouzon Smith
Psalm 23
Rev. 21:1-4

Prayer of Consolation Sis. Sheila Seabrook

Selection Dorothy Ballard

Acknowledgements Linda Bryant

Reflections

Obituary Billy Spooner

Selection “Blessed Assurance”
Congregation

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Rose Ellington Murray

Committal

Benediction

Recessional “Going To See The King”

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

Husband

*My husband was a blessing sent from heaven above
A gift from God, for our family to love
A helping hand that was always there
A loving friend who would always care
And who all of our burdens would share
My husband what a blessing.
Those guiding hands that lead us
To the straight and narrow way.
And teaching lips that help us to learn
More and more each day.
A comfort when things didn't go right
An angel watching over us through the night
Protecting us with all his might
My husband, what a blessing
My husband put his family first,
Before himself always
He always tried to do his best
To give us better days
By sacrificing each and every day.
He set examples for us, all the way.
Remembering always to serve God and pray.
My husband, what a blessing.
Good husbands never die.
They live with God eternally
And one day, when we meet again, how happy
We will be, in his footsteps we now go
And will follow God and we will show
That his work was not in vain.
Oh no, my husband, what a blessing.*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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