

In Loving Memory of



Norris Charles

Sunrise

August 6, 1943

Sunset

September 7, 2012

Service

Friday, September 14, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.

HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2530 Church Avenue • Brooklyn, New York

Obituary

Norris affectionately known as “Broko” and “Son” by his childhood friends and “Papu” by his grandchildren, was born on August 6, 1943 to Iona and Sweney Charles. He was the youngest of six children including Lynn, Florence and Allison. He was predeceased by Julian and Eulid.

Norris, after battling health issues went to be with his mom and dad early Friday morning on September 7, 2012. Norris migrated from Trinidad and Tobago in 1971. Upon arriving in New York City, he went to school and became a welder. He proudly and with skill, worked on the World Trade Center during 1992 upgrades. He also lent his skills to the construction of the Jacksonville Jaguars Stadium in the late 1990’s.

Norris’s favorite pastime was playing cards and listening to steel pan. After his retirement, he took his card playing very seriously. It became his new job. Everyday he woke up saying “I’m going to work”, which meant he was headed to the gambling hall to play cards. Norris loved life and lived it to the fullest. He made many friends and was loved by all who knew him. He spent his last days with his family by his side.

Norris leaves behind: his wife, Vissia Jean Charles; four children, Wendy, Petel, Tracy and Carla; two stepsons, Kern and Allen. His memories will be cherished by all including his grandchildren, Virgillio, Brandii, Travis, Tishema, Kevin, Jada, Tyrese, Madison, Nylah, Syndney and Kaemon; his great-grandchildren, Khloe and Skyla; nieces and nephews, Vernon, Dexter, Diann, Emily, Paulina, Susan and a wealth of friends and loved ones.

Norris, we will miss you always and forever.



Funeral Mass

Greeting of the Body

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:20-28

Gospel: John 11:17-27

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer

Exchange of Peace

Communion

Eulogy

Final Commendation

Recessional

Interment

Canarsie Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

The Measure of a Man

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

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Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.



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