



William R. Norris

January 2, 1943 - January 14, 2016

Dateline: Brighton

William "Bill" "Sarge" Norris, 73, died at 6:23 a.m. Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born January 2, 1943 in Alton, he was the son of William and Bertha (Thomasson) Norris. Mr. Norris served in the U.S. Air Force and worked as a fireman at McDonnell Douglas for 16 years. Following that career, he became a policeman and retired as chief from the Brighton Police Department in June 2013 after 31 years of service. The police department was his life. On March 9, 1963 he married the former Rachel Nadeau at Lac Baker New Brunswick Canada. She survives. Also surviving are four children, Dr. William R. "Bob." Norris (Julie) of Rock Hill, SC, Pam Savoie (Mark) of Los Angeles, CA, John Norris (Rhonda) of Wood River, and Kathy Gahr (Matt) of Carlinville. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Joshua, Jeremy, Sean, Travis and Madison, two great grandchildren, Mark and Kelsie, one sister, Janet Sanders (Steve) of Fair Play, MO, and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law Yvonne and Bill Davis and a niece Carla Grammer and a nephew Brian Davis. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Visitation will continue from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 18, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Brighton. Father Bill Kessler will officiate. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus

Catholic Church, Beverly Farm or the Macoupin/Montgomery County Crime Stoppers. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Brighton Cemetery

304 N. Maple
Brighton, IL 62012

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
918 N. Main Street
Brighton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Norris*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *William R. Norris*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I always enjoyed sharing a cup of coffee and a story with Sarge. Brighton PD was always a nice place to stop to visit. I'm sorry for the loss of another good man.*



Josh Ashby - January 19, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jacen Stewart purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of William R. Norris.*



Jacen Stewart - January 15, 2016 at 11:58 PM

PJ

“ Pooja and John purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William R. Norris.



Pooja and John - January 15, 2016 at 10:52 PM

JA

“ Jason lit a candle in memory of William R. Norris



Jason - January 15, 2016 at 09:38 PM

JA

May peace be over the family as God takes him home.

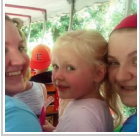
Jason - January 15, 2016 at 09:40 PM

BD

“ billy d davis purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of William R. Norris.



billy d davis - January 15, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *Billy Davis lit a candle in memory of William R. Norris*



Billy Davis - January 15, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DR

“ *To Rachel and family: So very sorry for your loss. Cindy and I were very saddened to hear of Sarge's passing. We were both very blessed to have worked with Bill on the Brighton Police Department. I learned so much from him and I have many special memories of our time working together. I will treasure my memories of him whether on a call, backing each other up, working the games or the city picnics; it was always an adventure filled with laughter. We talked for hours and I really enjoyed his friendship. He will be sadly missed. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers....The Dan Rublaitus family*

Dan Rublaitus - January 15, 2016 at 06:33 PM

MF

“ *Mark Kleiman and Stefanie Fletcher purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of William R. Norris.*



Mark Kleiman and Stefanie Fletcher - January 15, 2016 at 10:20 AM



PJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We had the pleasure of knowing Bill for many years. He was a Brighton Officer, I worked for Macoupin County Sheriff's Office, and my wife worked for the Illinois State Police. We always knew Bill as a kind , caring man who had the respect of the entire community. He was respected because people always knew he was going to treat them fairly, even when he had to arrest them. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him, and especially by us who called "Sarge" our friend.
Paul & Tonya Goldasich

Paul Goldasich Jr - January 15, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ He will be missed by all who knew him. He was a great man. You have to really have a love for your job and the community to do the job he did for so many years. I knew if I ever needed anything Bill would be there to help and take care of the issue. His family has my condolences and are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ginger Isringhausen - January 15, 2016 at 02:33 AM

MJ

“ Rachel and family: We are so sorry for your loss and want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our family still remembers sitting in front of you and Bill at church on Saturday nights so many years ago! We still laugh about him putting the books in the pew when we would be standing and then one of the kids would sit on them! And he would always wink at them when he came back from communion! I'm not sure any of us got anything out of church but we all sure enjoyed him! One day when our youngest daughter saw a police car, she asked if that was "Officer Winker" and we still call him that to this day! So may you rest in peace Officer Winker.

With sympathy,
Dean and Marsha Johnson
Kelly, Kristy, Andy and Katie

Marsha Johnson - January 14, 2016 at 11:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William R. Norris.



January 14, 2016 at 09:01 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained a good man. I am so glad I had the privilege of knowing him. I know he made a lot of sacrifices to serve our community. May God give you peace and comfort.

Betty Roberts - January 14, 2016 at 06:35 PM

MK

“ Rachel and Family - I am so sorry for your loss. Sarge was such a great guy! I am very thankful for the years that I served on the Police department, and was able to learn so much from Sarge. Many great memories! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
The Kasten Family



Matt Kasten - January 14, 2016 at 05:23 PM

JM

My sympathies Rachel and family!!!!!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jeannot from Southington Connecticut

Jeannot G Michaud - January 14, 2016 at 06:48 PM

MS

Dear Cousin Rachel and Family ,our deepest Sympathy goes to all ,also our thoughts and prayers are with You!!!!

*Micheline & Sylvio Sylvain
Palm Coast ,Florida*

micheline & sylvio sylvain - January 14, 2016 at 09:05 PM

PB

*Such a sad day. This wonderful man may not walk among us any longer, but his memory will live forever in the many hearts he touched. I am grateful for being given the opportunity to know him, and call him my friend. He will be greatly missed.
My deepest sympathy to his family.*

*Pam Bierman
Brighton*

Pam Bierman - January 15, 2016 at 09:08 AM

KS

Sorry to hear this, the world now has one less very good man! Rest in peace William "Bill" "Sarge" Norris!

Karl Sparks - January 16, 2016 at 10:02 AM