



## James A. Norris

February 9, 2011

James A. Norris, age 61, of Powell, Ohio, died suddenly on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at St. Ann's Hospital. Born in Columbus to the late George and Dorothy Norris, Jim was a graduate of Bexley High School, Class of 1967. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University where he received his B.A., B.S. and M.A., Education degrees. Jim was a 30+ year teacher with the Columbus Public Schools before his retirement in 2003. After his retirement, he taught at Otterbein College and advised student teachers. A writer, Jim penned supplemental textbooks and was an editor and co-author, as well. An avid Buckeye, Jim was an usher at Ohio Stadium for over 40 years and was currently serving as Head of Ushers. Jim was a true renaissance man who enjoyed cooking, gardening, card-making, colloquing and was a master of trivia. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved niece, Lyndsey Rice and father-in-law James J. Anderson. Jim is survived by his wife of 13 years, Marilyn P. Norris; mother-in-law Patricia A. Anderson, of Upper Arlington; the extended Anderson Family: Kathleen Anderson, of Upper Arlington; Patrice (Roger) Barnes, of Dublin; Joanie (Tom) Rice, of Dublin; Jeanne (Rod) Hayslip, of Powell; Jim (Kristi) Anderson, of Westerville; Carol (Tom) Fisher, of Powell; Don (Karen) Anderson, of Tampa, FL; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Family will receive friends from 2:00-5:00pm. SUNDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill

Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011 at ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH, 10700 Liberty Rd., Powell, OH 43065 with The Reverend Raymond Larussa, Celebrant. Burial will follow the Mass at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, Ohio. If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions in Jim's memory to: The Lyndsey Rice Memorial Fund, c/o Dublin Scioto High School, 4000 Hard Rd., Dublin, OH 43016. Condolences for the family may be sent to: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Norris*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Uncle Jim. Taryn and I will miss the conversations we had with you guys at your home. I am a better man because of knowing you and being your nephew. Quintin will always know his Uncle Jim and we hope that you will watch over us all. We love you so much.*

**steve wheaton** - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marilyn and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.*

**Kay and Bob Lidman** - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Marilyn and family, So sorry for your loss....I don't think I knew a more loving couple. I was truly blessed to have spent 5 years of my life working with the two of you....in your thirteen years of marriage, you shared more experiences together than most couples do in their lifetime. You will be in my prayers. Love, Sandy*

**sandra conner** - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am deeply saddened to read Jim's obituary in the DISPATCH today. As a Portal Chief at OSU for over 30 years myself, Jim always had a smile to share and took the time to care about everyone. I would sometimes see Jim outside of OSU football, and the passing of Jim will be a loss for everyone that knew him. I send my sincere condolences to the family

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**Steve Glass** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Mr. Norris was a wonderful teacher. I had him twice in my four years at Linden and always had great memories of him and his class. My sincere condolences to the whole family.

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**Nathan Knowlton** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Grew up with Jim (he on College and me on Sheridan Avenues) and graduated from Bexley also in '67. Lost track of him until a colleague of mine from New Albany High School (where I taught for 25 years) ran into him at a clinic and give me his email. My sincere condolences for you and regrets for myself for not having made more contact with Jimmy

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**Steve Benedict** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family of Jim Norris. As ushers at the Shoe we often chatted with Jim and so enjoyed him. He was a wonderful, caring man that loved life and was gracious to all he met. Be assured of our prayers for all of you as you go through these difficult days.

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**Beth & Larry Shanabrook** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ A great man and dedicated educator. He will always be remembered fondly. My heart and prayers go to Mrs. Norris and family.

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**Amanda (Johnson) Lewis c/o 1997** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Norris was an amazing person and inspiring educator. He will be missed greatly. My thoughts go out to his family.

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**Stephanie Harless LMHS c/o '97** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I offer my condloence to the Norris family. My Prayers are with you all. Mr. Norris was a great Teacher that made an impact on his Students. RIP Mr Noris. Maryadne Graves-White C/O 86

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**Maryadene Graves** - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Jim was such a wonderful addition to our large family. He will always be near and dear to our hearts and we will forever miss his humor and abounding love for his family. Love, Patrice, Roger and Family

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**Patrice Barnes** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Marilyn and family, my deepest regrets to your loss of Jimmy. He was a distant cousin on my mothers side of the family.I had not talked to Jim in many years but remember him well as we grew up. My brother,Dan Bratton, and I spent many fun times growing up with Jim and Mike and our families were good friends. Dan had just passed away at Christmas, so the pain is still there. Jim had such a great life and I am sure that he has spread his knowledge on to so many young people. Again,so sorry for your loss.

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**Rod Bratton** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ To My Jim: Every day of our life together was a treasure. We laughed and we loved. What more of life can we ask? I have been blessed beyond measure. Wait for me, beloved. Your Marilyn

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**Marilyn Norris** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I was taken aback and deeply saddened to read Jim's obituary in the DISPATCH today. Of the hundreds of graduate students I worked with at OSU through the years, Jim was one of my favorites. A bright, creative teacher, a good human being, and an enormously nice guy. Everyone who knew Jim will miss his friendly smile and his innate graciousness. Bonnie and I express our condolences to Marilyn and Jim's extended family. Sincerely, Gene Gilliom, Professor Emeritus, Social Studies & Global Education, OSU.

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**Gene Gilliom** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ Jim was a very special person. I had the honor of knowing him through the Usher program at OSU- He got me in the program over 12 years ago and I am now a Portal Chief. Jim and I met at various times for lunch and he always shared interesting conversation. He will be missed. My best to the family and may God Bless!

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**Trevor Zahara** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ He will ne missed at the stadium. I didn't know him well but as an OSU usher I appreciated the fact he was always friendly and made himself available. Sorry for your loss.

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**Carol Gustin** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I was so saddened to learn of Jim's passing. We were high school friends and remained friends after. I will miss seeing him from time to time as he stopped by my office in Bexley or spoke on the phone. My heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be missed.

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**Ron Cohen** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Marilyn, You gave Jim the greatest joy and happiness of his life, beyond anything he thought possible. This is truth from his words and from the glow of his face as he told me. We share your grief.  
Tom

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**Tom Archer** - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ To the Norris family: Like so many others, I am shocked and saddened at the passing of a great guy. Jim gave me an usher job 3 years ago and we talked online frequently. I came to know him as a caring, giving person as he shared his love for teaching and his work with the University and the Usher responsibilities that he was so efficient in caring for. He will be missed --especially on game days!! Rest in peace, friend! Roger Marra -- Mount Vernon, Ohio

Roger - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Marilyn, Words cannot begin to express my fondness for my Sludge Brother Jim. We had such great experiences on the social studies circuit and at OSU games. I will greatly miss his humor and laughter. You know you can depend on me forever. Love, Jeff

Jeff Corbin - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I am an usher at OSU and enjoyed knowing him at Portal D17. What a great man! He will surely be missed.

Gary C. Stoll Sr. - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim on several occasions through my work at the Ohio Department of Education. Jim was a very kind and thoughtful man. I last spoke with him when I talked to his social studies methods students at Otterbein last April. He seemed to have such a great rapport with them. He will be missed.

Virginia Moore - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Oh Marilyn, and family, I am so sorry for your loss and the loss of such a great man, your beloved Jim. Jim was loved by so many due to his huge heart, his great humor, and for just being a kind person and friend to all. I am here for you should you need ANYTHING.  
Sincerely, Donna

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**Donna West** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Norris was a wonderful teacher who I remember fondly. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Norris and the family.

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**Regan (Manczak) Jones, LMHS c/o 97** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM