



Norris Gray

August 7, 1946 - July 2, 2021

Norris Edward Gray was born to Mozelle Gray on August 7, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri, and was raised by May and Liston Ward. He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Britt Johnson, brothers Liston and Eugene, sisters Ina, Lisa, and Harriett. At an early age, Norris joined Central Baptist Church and sang in the youth choir (The Treblets). He attended Washington Elementary School and O'Fallon High School. He earned an Associates's Degree from Forest Park Community College.

Norris joined the Navy in 1964 and successfully achieved the rank of E7 a Chief Petty officer. He served active duty for 7 years and later served as a Navy reservist for a total of 20 years with an honorable discharge. On September 17, 1971, he was employed by the United States Postal Service, as a letter carrier retiring, on August 2, 2013.

Norris was a lover of baseball and attended as many of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball games as possible. He played on the US Postal Service softball team the Cobras. His teammates nicknamed him "Ichiban" meaning #1 in Japanese. He was very proud of the fact that he was the only one on the team who never had to change the size of his uniform. His favorite pastime activities were gardening, fishing, and hunting.

On October 23, 1980, he married Lillian Perry-Johnson, there were no children born to this union, he was a devoted husband and loving stepfather to

Britt.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving wife, Lillian, who he called his "Sweet'n"; an Aunt, Phyllis Washington, Brother-in-Law George Perry, Siblings: Modean Collins, Rose Gray-Lane, LeVron Gray, Alice Gray, brother Delvin Gray, cousins Fletcher Milton Smith, III, and a very special cousin Lance Re Khi Smith, a companion and constant source of support, God-daughter Lorie Williams, church daughter Sheryl Mangum, and host of family and friends.

"We love and we will miss you dearly, Norris Edward Gray"

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
Saint Louis, MO, MO 63125

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Washington Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church
613 N. Garrison Ave
St. Louis, MO 63103

Service

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