



Norris L. Melvin Sr.

September 13, 1937 - April 30, 2025

Grieve Not,
nor speak of me with tears,
but laugh and talk of me
as if I were beside you...
I loved you so--
'twas Heaven here with you.
-Isla Paschal Richardson

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Norris L. Melvin Sr., a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, who left us on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, after a brief stay at Coastal Hospice at the Lake after a long battle with cancer. Born on September 13, 1937, in Harrington, Delaware, Norris was a son of the late Elma Baynard Melvin and Clarence R. Melvin.

Norris grew up attending Delmar schools before graduating from Wicomico High School with the class of 1956, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey filled with dedication and hard work. He first entered the realm of service as the owner of the Delmar Sunoco before transitioning to work for Trigila Transportation, then a career in transportation that culminated with his many years of service as an engineer on the railroad. Over the decades, he faithfully represented various names in the industry, including the Penn Railroad, Penn Central, Norfolk Southern, and Conrail before his well-deserved retirement in

1999.

In addition to his professional contributions, Norris was an active member of several local organizations, including the Over-the-Hill Softball League and the R.O.M.E. Breakfast Club. He cherished his time spent with the mall walking club and was a proud participant in regular lunch meetings with his classmates. Norris's commitment to his community was further exemplified through his involvement with the Delmar Historical and Arts Society, and as a faithful member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Delmar. He was a past member of the Delmar Fire Department as well.

Norris had a zest for life that was reflected in his passions, which included NASCAR and gardening. He was deeply devoted to his family and took immense pride in his children and grandchildren, always supporting their school and sports aspirations. Those who knew him will remember his wonderful sense of humor, warm smile, and the genuine kindness he extended to all.

Norris is survived by his loving spouse of 60 years, Charlotte Neill Melvin, and his beloved children, Alisa Bloodsworth (David), Brian Melvin (Chris) and Lee Melvin (Darlene); brother, Bill Melvin (Edna); grandchildren, Aaron Casper (Dixie), Jaime Kennedy (Brian), David Bloodsworth (Emily), Alison Bloodsworth (Derek), Jesse Jones (Lauren), Lee Lee Cauffman (Cody), Kati Melvin (Brooks), Brianna Reed (Jordan), Brian Melvin, Jr., Alexis Melvin (Dustin), and Amanda Melvin; 14 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and a host of close friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his very special grandmother who raised him, Florence Melvin; his first wife, Mary "Dolly" Melvin; stepmother, Evelyn Melvin; brother, John Melvin; stepdaughter, Tammy Casper; and stepbrother, Richard Gray.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church in Delmar.

Christian burial will follow at Springhill Memory Gardens in Hebron. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects and share their memories during this time of remembrance.

In honoring his legacy, let us reflect on the laughter and warmth he brought into our lives and carry forward the values he instilled in us: love for family, community support, and a spirit of joy. Norris will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched. The family requests donations be made in memory of Norris to be sent to the Richard Henson Cancer Institute at TidalHealth by visiting <https://www.tidalhealth.org/about-us/donate>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Springhill Memory Gardens

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525

Funeral Service

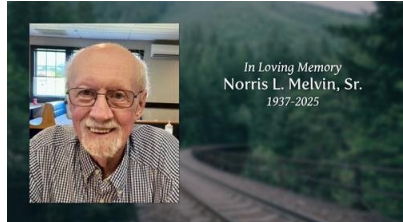
MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Bi-State Blvd. & Chestnut Street
Delmar, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Norris L. Melvin Sr.



Short Funeral Home - May 07, 2025 at 01:20 PM

CM

LOVE MISS YOU HONEY

charlotte melvin - June 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM

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LOVE YOU HONEY

charlotte melvin - June 16, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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MISS YOU SO MUCH

charlotte melvin - June 16, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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LOVE YOU MISS YOU

charlotte melvin - June 16, 2025 at 04:50 PM

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“ Supply Chain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norris L. Melvin Sr..

Supply Chain Family - May 05, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Supply Chain Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norris L. Melvin Sr..*



Supply Chain Family - May 05, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Robin, Michele, Matt, Josh and Natalie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norris L. Melvin Sr..*



Robin, Michele, Matt, Josh and Natalie - May 05, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“ *The Campbell families & Bartrug family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norris L. Melvin Sr..*

The Campbell families & Bartrug family - May 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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“ *The Campbell families & Bartrug family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norris L. Melvin Sr..*



The Campbell families & Bartrug family - May 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM

SR

“ Norris was always upbeat and jovial, fun to be around. I was in his class at Delmar, having many memories of those happy days. When I spoke with him a couple of weeks ago, he was still laughing and made we laugh with him. Rest in peace, Norris; your battle is over.
Sandra Kessel Ryan

Sandra Ryan - May 04, 2025 at 04:23 PM

TT

I have fond memories as a little girl help packing his lunch for a day on the railroad. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Thank you for giving us Alisa. May God bless his family. Rest in peace brother-in-law. Love you, Theresa and Donnie

Theresa Trader - May 05, 2025 at 10:31 PM

MW

My heartfelt condolences to Alisa and all of the family. I never knew a better person. Norris was just a great guy. Anyone that knew him loved him. He had so much love for his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and was just fun to be around. I know there are a lot of our family in heaven waiting for him to give them a heavenly train ride. God bless all of you, Love Billy and Mary

mary webster - May 06, 2025 at 12:42 PM