



Tommy Norris

January 17, 1947 - June 14, 2025

Thomas “Tommy” Ryan Norris, Sr., 78, passed away June 14, 2025.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late Thomas Eugene and Martha Yeargin Norris, he was of the Baptist faith.

In 2014, Tommy Norris was named Time Magazine Automobile Dealer of the Year. At that time, he had been in the automobile industry for 47 years. His main advice in order to be a successful dealer was, “If you will listen to me, follow my instructions and put forth an effort, you’re gonna be successful.” He instilled a work ethic beyond reproach and expected their personal best. He came from humble beginnings and worked hard to achieve his success. He began his career at Fairway Ford in Greenville and went on to a managerial position at Toyota of Greenville, which led to him developing a relationship with Toyota Motor Sales. These relationships evolved into him opening Toyota of Easley as a Dealer in 1979. Toyota of Easley rose to success as one of the top dealerships in the Southeast. His son Ryan joined him as a partner in the business in 2008. Ryan modernized the business while keeping Tommy’s traditional values intact. They adopted the mantra, “Our Name Means A Great Deal,” which still holds true today. With his wife, Vickie, by his side, as his supporter and soul mate, they made a life together for 56 years.

His love for God, family, country, and many friends was unparalleled. He was most proud of his family! He lived large, loved large, and if you were lucky enough to be loved by that big heart, you were blessed. And that’s a Tommy Norris promise!

<https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/being-my-own-boss/2014/09/11/tommy-norris-formula-success/15476839/>

Surviving are his wife, Vickie Williams Norris; two sons, Ryan Norris (Garrett) and Stacy Williams (Lynn); a sister, Evelyn Brady; six grandchildren, Adam (Lauren), Tucker (Catherine), Jake, Sophia, Cade (Megan), and Camden; and three great-grandchildren, Banks, Jack, and Saylor.

Tommy was predeceased by a son, Adam Vincent Norris and a brother, Ronnie Norris.

A memorial service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the home, 919 Mountain Springs Road, Piedmont, SC 29673, with a Celebration of Life afterwards.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Home
919 Mountain Springs Road
Piedmont, SC 29673

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I was briefly married to Vickie's brother in the 70's. I truly loved Vickie and Tommy. They were a very sweet loving couple and had two precious sons I haven't seen either in years but was sad to hear of his passing Sending love and hugs to Vickie, Ryan and Stacy and all of their families.

Janet Peterson Bridges - October 25, 2025 at 02:51 PM

EG

“ Tommy was a good customer of mine at The Open Hearth restaurant for years. He and Vickie were always so pleasant and I enjoyed seeing them every time they would come in. One thing I admired most about this couple is after all those years together they were still so much in love. They never had a cell phone out on the table and they never took their eyes off each other like they had just met and were on a first date. I am so saddened, the world has suffered a great loss. Prayers to the family.

Elaine Gosnell - July 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AC

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. My dad knew him very well at Fairway Ford years ago. (Jones and Rebecca Burnett). He always spoke highly of him back in their car days. Praying for strength.

Amy Burnett Caldwell - June 24, 2025 at 06:23 PM

RB

“ *What a wonderful man to be called a "friend"! I first got to know Tommy well over 40 years ago through his father-in-law, Kenneth "Ken" Williams [Vickie's dad] who worked at the Monaghan Plant as the Weaving Superintendent. First, Ken was first and foremost a Christian man who placed his family second only to God.*

He introduced me to Tommy through my first purchase of a Toyota vehicle; and later, I got to know him more through church league softball in direct competition. As in life, he was a fierce competitor. That I liked.

As our relationship grew, I began to appreciate Tommy more and more. He ALWAYS talked about his family - Vickie and his children; then, later his grandchildren & "greats". They were the LOVE of his life. That truly impressed me and made an impact on me as well. I also saw in him attributes of being steadfast, committed, and tough - never to the detriment of anyone while operating a car dealership or just living life. He was a businessman's businessman - a role model of how to bring success to your life.

It didn't take long to know that he had a firm grasp of his spiritual relationship with Christ. He was not shy about that relationship either. As was true in his "celebration service", you always knew the real Tommy Norris.

My heart, my prayers, my thoughts, and my love go out to Vickie and the entire family. The world is a better place because of Tommy. I'm so thankful to have crossed paths with this man, a fellow believer in Christ.

Ronnie Brown - June 20, 2025 at 02:08 PM

BS

“ *Billy and Michelle Scales purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Billy and Michelle Scales - June 20, 2025 at 11:49 AM

JA

“ *Until two weeks ago, I hadn't seen Tommy Norris in years, however, we did spend ten years together from 2000 till 2010 when I worked for him at Toyota of Easley. And I can honestly say that I have never worked for a better boss. Yes, he was hard to work for at times, but he was always fair and he never held a grudge, in fact twenty minutes later he'd be back hugging my neck. I could tell so many stories of my time at Toyota of Easley, but the bottom line is all these years later I can honestly say that man taught me so much without even knowing it. I'd think about him a lot over the years, every time I'd drive by the dealership and see his white truck parked out front. Then, two weeks ago, my wife Bonnie and I purchased two vehicles from Toyota of Easley and we really enjoyed catching up with Mr. Norris then. We are so happy for the brief time spent together before his passing. We offer our deepest condolences to Miss Vickie and all the family. "23 has gone 10-7" Godspeed Tommy. ~John Agostino*

John Agostino - June 19, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Luther and The Schneider Tree Care Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tommy Norris.



Luther and The Schneider Tree Care Team - June 19, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Tommy was always an outstanding man in the upstate area. Well Respected and loved.

Chad Fowler - June 19, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ Chad Fowler lit a candle in memory of Tommy Norris



Chad Fowler - June 19, 2025 at 07:52 AM

JA

“ Jim and Margaret Arrigo purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Tommy Norris.



Jim and Margaret Arrigo - June 19, 2025 at 12:49 AM

JA

“ Jim and Margaret Arrigo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Jim and Margaret Arrigo - June 19, 2025 at 12:49 AM

JF

“ Jesse Hunsinger and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.



Jesse Hunsinger and family - June 18, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JF

“ Jesse Hunsinger and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Jesse Hunsinger and family - June 18, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 18, 2025 at 07:54 PM

DT

“ Tommy was an incredibly kind person, and will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

David Tucker - June 18, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DS

“ We are so sad to learn of Tommy’s passing. He was such a light in any environment. The family will be in our prayers.

Jimmy and Debbie Singleton

Debbie Singleton - June 18, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 18, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DW

“ All I can say is this world is going to be a mean one without Tommy in it. No matter where you are, when running into him, he always made your day. He made you feel like you were his best friend. David and I are going to miss him.
David and Donna Walden



David and Donna Walden - June 18, 2025 at 06:34 PM

RF

“ To Mrs. Vickie Norris and the entire Norris family. I am so sorry for your loss. Tommy Norris will be missed by so many people. I have known him since 1981, and he has played a great part in who I am today. I love and respect him like my own family. God bless you, Tommy Norris!

Richard Freeman - June 18, 2025 at 06:25 PM

RF

“ Richard F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Richard F. - June 18, 2025 at 06:18 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Norris family during this loss. From the Dan Ward house movers family.

jennifer ward holder - June 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM

YT

“ Your friends at Southeast Toyota purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.



Your friends at Southeast Toyota - June 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

YT

“ Your friends at Southeast Toyota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Your friends at Southeast Toyota - June 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 18, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *We are so thankful for all the memories. Tommy would light up a room with his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with family.*



Rene & Keith Palmer - June 18, 2025 at 12:51 PM



*Great picture. Just like I remember both of you. With love and prayers.
Jane Brown*

Jane Brown - June 19, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.*

June 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Andy & Susan Eccher. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Andy & Susan Eccher. - June 18, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *John & Myra Adams purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Tommy Norris.*



John & Myra Adams - June 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *John & Myra Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.*

John & Myra Adams - June 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM

KS

“ Dabo and I were so saddened to hear about Tommy. He was the sweetest man! He always had a smile on his face and we loved getting to visit with him. He was so kind to bake us his delicious fruit cakes every Christmas. May you all feel God’s peace and strength. We love the Norris family!

Kathleen Swinney - June 18, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DK

“ Dabo and Kathleen purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.



Dabo and Kathleen - June 18, 2025 at 10:46 AM

DK

“ Dabo and Kathleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Dabo and Kathleen - June 18, 2025 at 10:46 AM

TS

“ The Sanerts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Norris.



The Sanerts - June 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JB

“ Dear Vickie, my love and prayers go to you and all of the family. I wish I had been able to come to the gathering.

Jane Brow - June 18, 2025 at 10:23 AM

EM

“ Tommy was a good friend to myself and my family. He will be missed greatly.

Eric (Rick) Corris and Mary - June 18, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.



June 18, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JP

“ Tommy Norris was my friend! Enjoyed doing project with him at his hunting camp and doing business with him at the dealership! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!

John D. Parker - June 18, 2025 at 06:56 AM

KG

“ Kimberly George lit a candle in memory of Tommy Norris



Kimberly George - June 17, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DM

“ Donna May purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Norris.



Donna May - June 17, 2025 at 09:43 PM

WN

“ with sympathy, Sally Nichols purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tommy Norris.



with sympathy, Sally Nichols - June 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM

WN

“ with sympathy, Sally Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

with sympathy, Sally Nichols - June 17, 2025 at 08:30 PM

CF

“ Cook Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Cook Family - June 17, 2025 at 06:55 PM

CF

“ *Cook Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Cook Family - June 17, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 17, 2025 at 06:17 PM

MT

“ *Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Tommy Norris*



Mertie Taylor - June 17, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *Vicki and Ryan, Elizabeth and I would like to offer our condolences to you and your families. We always enjoyed being around your family and I always enjoyed doing business with Tommy. He was one of a kind. Circumstances will prevent us from being at the at the Celebration of life. RIP Tommy. Jackie and Elizabeth Atkins.*

Jackie Atkins - June 17, 2025 at 05:13 PM

MS

“ *Mark Shirer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Mark Shirer - June 17, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DC

“ *Denise & Gary Campbell purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Denise & Gary Campbell - June 17, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SC

“ *Tommy was a friend for many years. I have fond memories of the many times we were together, playing softball, snow skiing, pool parties, I could go on and on. He always had time for his friends, no matter what. I'll miss you my friend.*

Steve Campbell - June 17, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BS

“ I remember playing on the Pelham Baptist church RA baseball team with Tommy. He will be missed by everyone who ever knew him. My condolences to Vickie, Ryan, Stacie, and Evelyn, and all the Grandchildren and great Grandchildren.

Billy Smith - June 17, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.



June 17, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 17, 2025 at 11:40 AM

WD

“ Wren Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tommy Norris.



Wren Volunteer Fire Department - June 17, 2025 at 11:28 AM

PM

“ Vicki and family, I will never forget the smiles and laughter, each time I saw Tommy at our dealer events and dinners. I loved all the conversation moments that we had. He was a special person and has a loving family. Very lucky man. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss him a lot.
Love, Pat Moran

pat moran - June 17, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.



June 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM

CD

“ Vickie and Ryan and family,
My heartfelt condolences goes out to you. Many times working at CVS in Powdersville, he would come by to drop off prescription and we would talk about you Vickie and he would always tell me with a big smile of what a great wife he had and so thankful! May God's loving arms wrap around and hold you close.
Chana Lusk Davis



Chana Lusk Davis - June 17, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DG

“ Tommy was always so good to my parents when they needed a car. They thought nothing of driving to Easley to see him. We're sending prayers to his family.

Debbie Gordon - June 17, 2025 at 06:55 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommy Norris*



Debbie Gordon - June 17, 2025 at 06:52 AM

SL

“ *ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO EVERYONE LOVED TO SEE.ALWAYS SMILING WITH HIS WIFE ON HIS ARM.KNEW EVERYONE WHERE EVER HE WENT.YOU WILL BE MISSED*

sandra b lake - June 17, 2025 at 05:00 AM

SL

“ *sandra b lake lit a candle in memory of Tommy Norris*



sandra b lake - June 17, 2025 at 04:56 AM

LC

“ *Love you, Nori,Tony and the crew purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Love you, Nori,Tony and the crew - June 17, 2025 at 04:30 AM

LC

“ Love you, Nori, Tony and the crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Love you, Nori, Tony and the crew - June 17, 2025 at 04:30 AM

CB

“ Wow... #23. What a great man—hard, but fair, and always caring. I'll never forget coming back to make amends with him and Ryan. Mr. Norris sat me down, looked me in the eye, and said he was proud of me—and not to let my potential go to waste.

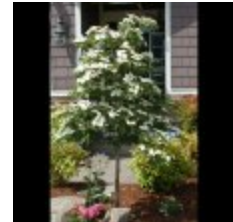
That moment stuck with me.

*I've always had love and deep respect for the Norris family.
This one hits hard. 💔😭*

Clayton CJ Bryant - June 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.



June 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM



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June 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM

LC

“ Lance and Dana Cahill purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Tommy Norris.



Lance and Dana Cahill - June 16, 2025 at 09:07 PM

PP

“ Paul and Christy Potratz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Paul and Christy Potratz - June 16, 2025 at 09:04 PM

PP

“ Paul and Christy Potratz purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Tommy Norris.



Paul and Christy Potratz - June 16, 2025 at 09:04 PM

TF

“ The Campbell family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tommy Norris.



The Campbell family - June 16, 2025 at 09:04 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Norris’s passing,
I really enjoyed talking with him while I was grading the new service
center building
He will truly be missed praying for the family!! The Eldridge family
jeff Jacob and Rhonda 🙏🙏

jeff eldridge - June 16, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased
for the family of Tommy Norris.



June 16, 2025 at 08:01 PM



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Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 16, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 16, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tommy Norris.*



June 16, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Tommy Norris, what a great guy! Years ago, we played a lot of golf together, & the stories I could tell about those golf outings! I, along with my family, have used His Toyota dealership to purchase vehicles as well as to have them serviced! He & his dealership have contributed a lot back to his community! I feel so devastated to learn of his passing ! Our prayers are for Vickie, Ryan, as well as all the family ! RIP Tommy Norris, we all loved you & will miss you so much ! Heaven has gained a truly wonderful man ! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️*

Joe White - June 16, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *Mark, Nikki, Matthew and Carlie Chastain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tommy Norris.*



Mark, Nikki, Matthew and Carlie Chastain - June 16, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DD

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences during this time and know that we are praying for your family! We will be sure to pray for the peace that passes understanding to abide in your homes as you continue to grieve the loss of this incredible husband, father and friend.

Yours in Christ,

Darren, Bonnie and Benjamin Darnell

Darren Darnell - June 16, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ Michael Stogner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Michael Stogner - June 16, 2025 at 06:56 PM

MS

“ Michael Stogner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tommy Norris.



Michael Stogner - June 16, 2025 at 06:56 PM

TM

“ The best of the best! Truly a wonderful man who loved his family deeply. I really cherished my time up there in February with Jake. We spent a lot of time talking about "Grandpa". Sending you all my heartfelt condolences.

Tracey Morganelli - June 16, 2025 at 04:48 PM

ES

“ Ed, Sandy, Jack, and Savannah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Ed, Sandy, Jack, and Savannah - June 16, 2025 at 04:20 PM

ES

“ Ed, Sandy, Jack, and Savannah purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.



Ed, Sandy, Jack, and Savannah - June 16, 2025 at 04:20 PM

CM

“ Tommy was a sweet man to my whole family. One day years ago, my little girl, who was probably 13 or younger was riding her bike down Mountain Springs Rd, got very thirsty so she pushed the intercom button at his house and asked if he would let her come in for a drink of water and he just opened that gate with open arms. We bought many cars from him over the years and he was a true gentleman each time we went there. My condolences and prayers to Vickie and the whole family.

Cheryl Myers - June 16, 2025 at 03:58 PM

HG

“ Hank Grooms purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Tommy Norris.



Hank Grooms - June 16, 2025 at 03:24 PM

ES

“ Tommy Norris was one of a kind. What a life he lived, what a legacy he leaves. Family was everything to him; he was so proud of all of you, and so in love with you, Vickie.

Our prayers are with Vickie, Ryan and Garrett, and all the kids. I was proud to call Tommy Norris my friend; I loved the man. Our entire family loved Tommy Norris.

Godspeed Tommy Norris. Until we meet again...

Ed and Sandy Sheehy

Ed Sheehy - June 16, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MS

Friends for 50 years!!! Loved him like a brother!!! RIP Tommy

Mike Scott - June 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DL

Tommy was a man of integrity and principles committed to his family, his friends, his employees and his community. It was a privilege to know him and work with him. He instilled into his family the same values he subscribed to guarantying the Norris name will be part of the Toyota and the Easley communities for years to come. May God bless the Norris family during this time of loss. May the memories of Tommy's amazing life well lived, comfort you in the days to come as you anticipate your heavenly future together.

Dave and Andrea Lohr

David Lohr - June 17, 2025 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ Blake & Denise Sturrock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Norris.

Blake & Denise Sturrock - June 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BS

“ Blake & Denise Sturrock purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Tommy Norris.



Blake & Denise Sturrock - June 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Norris.

June 16, 2025 at 02:34 PM



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



June 16, 2025 at 02:34 PM



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



June 16, 2025 at 01:30 PM

FG

“ *F. G. lit a candle in memory of Tommy Norris*



F. G. - June 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM