



## Norris P. Turnipseed

December 18, 1949 - December 5, 2019

Norris Poyner Turnipseed, a loving husband, devoted father and caring brother, was born on December 18, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland to Willis Turnipseed and Alice P. Turnipseed. Norris was kind-hearted, charming and self-less. He was one of five children: two brothers, Willis (Billy), Carl, and two sisters, Everdean and Denise.

As a young boy, he attended and was baptized at Fountain Baptist Church, where he established his relationship with God. Growing up Norris and his siblings worked alongside their parents in their flower shop, Biddle Florist. Norris inherited his mother's God-given gift for floral design. For the next thirty-five years he continued to decorate churches for holidays, and provided flowers for special occasions.

He was graduated from Baltimore City College and went on to attend what is now known as Morgan State University. While there, he became one of the Founders of Tau Alpha Upsilon Fraternity Incorporated.

While attending Morgan, Norris met and later married Sara J. Mooney in 1973. From their union, they had the light of their lives, their only child, Kimberly L. Turnipseed.

Years later he married Arline Ramsey in 1996, and became a caring

stepfather to Courtney and Dashe, creating a loving blended family. Norris and Arline enjoyed spending time together – going out to the movies, hand-dancing and walking the beaches in Sarasota, Florida. They spent twenty-three loving years together. Norris and Arline were truly devoted to each other.

In the early 70's, Norris served his country as a member of the Maryland National Guard.

Norris followed in the footsteps of his father and went to work at Conoco Chemical Company. Over a period of 30 years, he held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility including Stationary Engineer and Supervisor.

In 2007, Norris began his second career with the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division, as a Senior Inspector. He was passionate about the responsibilities entrusted to him. Norris enjoyed working with his team, co-workers and the community.

Norris truly loved Baltimore. He cheered for his hometown teams, the Orioles and Ravens; loved all sports and even played flag football as a young man. He was an excellent cook and loved to eat steamed crabs; and entertain family and friends. Norris remained close with the people he grew up with in East Baltimore, attending parties, dances and social events.

Norris enjoyed talking to his brothers and Kim on a daily basis. He was the Assistant GM to Kim's Fantasy Football team. Together they spent countless hours strategizing her winning team.

Anyone who knew Norris knows he loved listening to the oldies (nothing past the 80s). And how much he loved sports, clothes, cologne, westerns and army movies, and keeping up with old friends.

His father Willis Turnipseed; mother, Alice P. Turnipseed; sister Everdean Bishop Smackum; sister Denise Mosley-Owens and brother, Willis "Billy" Turnipseed predecease him.

To celebrate his memory, Norris is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Arline Ramsey Turnipseed; his cherished daughter, Kimberly L. Turnipseed (Tampa, FL); his caring step-children, Courtney Ramsey (Washington, DC) and Dashe (Ashley) Ramsey (Baltimore, MD); his caring brother Carl (Joyce) Turnipseed (Suffern, NY); adoring mother-in-law, Arline Stewart (Sarasota, FL); sister-in-law, Karen Woods (Sarasota, FL), brother-in-law Malcolm (Alona) Stewart (Atlantic City, NJ) and nieces, Danielle Turnipseed (Silver Spring, MD) and Eboni Jones (Baltimore, MD); nephews, William and Gordon Turnipseed (Oklahoma City, OK) and Willis "BJ" Turnipseed Jr. (Baltimore MD) and a host of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Family Hour

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Wake

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Hi Turnipseed Family. My name is Janice Mainhart. I'm a 72 yr old Great-Grandma from Baltimore, Md. I met Norris in Jr High School. I went to Herring Run Jr High and believe that's where I met Norris. I've often thought of him through the years. I even googled him a few times just to see what he was up to. My memory has suffered a little with age, but I remember Norris. He was sweet, kind and caring. I believe that's why , to this day, I still think of him. Apparently, he touched my heart. Please take care of yourselves and stay safe. 🙏

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**Janice Mainhart** - February 26, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JT

“ To the Turnipseed Family,  
We would like to extend our condolences to you. May shine his heavenly light upon you and your loved ones. We will continue to pray for all of you during these trying times. Know that almighty God is keeping the Turnipseed Family close in love and care.

Love,

*The Taylor's of Laurelton, NY  
(Marian & Joy)*

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**Joy Taylor** - December 13, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to the entire Turnipseed family for your loss and ours. A good man. Although my brother is no longer with us physically, It was a pleasure working with "Seed" at the DHCD for approximately 5 years. The man was simply a "class act". He will be missed but not forgotten. ... Rest in Heaven brother...*



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**Goosè Wallace** - December 13, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *I remember his slow steady walk down the hall at 417 E. Fayette Street. He was kind.  
I will pray for the family and friends and have said a Hail Mary for his soul.  
Treasure your memories and to always speak his name and tell his stories so he will never be forgotten.  
God Be With You All  
Sheila Phillips Major*

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**Sheila P Major** - December 13, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *To Carl and Family -  
  
Remembering the good old waist-line parties on 25th Street. We will always remember Norris's warm smile and great personality.  
Our prayers are with you at this time - praying that God will give you comfort, peace and strength.*



*Sincerely,*

*Sonja, Linda and the KITS.*

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**Linda (Bryan) Mays & Sonja (Brown)Butler** - December 13, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Remembering "Seed"

*During the spring of my freshman year at Morgan State, a group of us from the "Shore" became somewhat intrigued by a group of guys who were the Founding Fathers of Tau Alpha Upsilon (TAU). Shortly thereafter, we were being initiated into the organization as Brothers of the Fraternity. There were a few Brothers, i.e. Tommy Rich, Burley Coleman, Brian Corbin and Les Montgomery who took a particular interest in me as a Brother. But it was Norris Turnipseed who basically committed himself to showing me the ropes.*

*Seed and I patrolled Morgan's campus on a daily basis. I don't know whether it was because I had "game" on the b-ball court, the softball field, because I could sing or he felt that I could be an asset to the Frat which he loved, but we became the best of friends. Getting into whatever we could, we became known as T square (Turnipseed and Tyrome), S square (Seed and Scrome), T and S, S and T, you get the idea. We had the best of times. He and his family were very endearing to me during my beginning years away from home on the Eastern Shore. In fact his mom, Mother Alice Turnipseed, became a loving mother not only to me but to many of the TAU Brothers.*

*Two last things, one day while down in the Canteen under the bridge on the MSU campus, while listening to music, we composed a song which has become a TAU favorite, "TAU's the Best Thing Since Candy". Lastly, some of the greatest memories that I have of Seed was when he went through his impersonation of Cassius Marcellus Clay (aka Muhammed Ali), dancing around on his toes then doing the Ali shuffle and really believing that he was "the Greatest". These are great memories that will always last!*

*My deepest sympathies go out to the Turnipseed family. May God give them the strength, peace, comfort and rest that they need to endure this present time. We will keep them lifted up before the Lord in prayer!*

*To the Brothers of TAU: Life is fragile. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us. May we all be mindful that there is a day of reckoning ahead. Let us seek the Lord while He may be found. Maybe, just maybe, we will see our dear Brother again!*

*With Love and Respect,*

*Rev. Brother Tyrome "Scrome" Elliott*

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**Rev. Tyrome L. Elliott** - December 13, 2019 at 11:51 AM

DE

“ *DHCD-Code Enforcement purchased the Divine Light for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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**DHCD-Code Enforcement** - December 13, 2019 at 11:36 AM

AG

“ *Antia L. Gillard lit a candle in memory of Norris P. Turnipseed*



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**Antia L. Gillard** - December 13, 2019 at 07:17 AM

PB

“ *Arline, BJ, Karl, and the entire Norris Family:  
Our hearts were truly sadden when we heard of Norris's passing.  
It is with much regret that we can not be with you for his homegoing  
celebration, but please know that we are with you in spirit.  
We are praying that the peace of God be with you during this  
difficult time.  
With love from "Billy's" Frederick Family, Linda, Peggy and all the  
Barnes's*

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**Peggy Bowie** - December 13, 2019 at 06:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for  
the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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December 12, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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December 12, 2019 at 06:53 PM

CA

“ Chantel Quarles & Linda Allen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.



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**Chantel Quarles & Linda Allen** - December 12, 2019 at 02:22 PM

EW

“ God is still a gracious and loving God. My condolences to the family of Norris P. Turnipseed. We attended High School together and worked in different branches of employment under the Housing Authority of Baltimore City as both acquaintances and friends. Truly he will be missed by all those who knew of his kind and gentle spirit. May the peace of God keep you in these hours of sadness, but know that he was a great man and friend who's spirit will still live on through his legacy that he left with all.

Odessa Wilson

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**Evangelist Carolyn E. Watson** - December 12, 2019 at 11:20 AM

FJ

“ From the Cumbo Family. Friends of Carl and Joyce purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.



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**From the Cumbo Family. Friends of Carl and Joyce** - December 12, 2019 at 10:45 AM

TK

“ *THE POLLITT FAMILY, JP,CHRIS AND KIM purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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**THE POLLITT FAMILY, JP,CHRIS AND KIM** - December 11, 2019 at 04:19 PM

TU

“ *The Founding brothers of Tau Alpha Upsilon purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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**The Founding brothers of Tau Alpha Upsilon** - December 11, 2019 at 03:33 PM

DF

“ *DOUGLAS & NANCY BATTLE & FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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**DOUGLAS & NANCY BATTLE & FAMILY** - December 11, 2019 at 12:53 PM

WF

“ *WILHELMINA & RICKY CALDWELL & FAMIL purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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**WILHELMINA & RICKY CALDWELL & FAMIL** - December 11, 2019 at 12:22 PM

PM

“ *Norris you will be missed. You were a true life long friend and brother. Your family is my family. I can't think of a time growing up , that you and your family were not there. Carl and the family GOD is with you. Norris is truly in a better place. We will see him again. From Pierre Moody*

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**Pierre Moody** - December 10, 2019 at 09:23 PM

W)

*To Arline Turnipseed & Family extending our deepest sympathy for the loss Norris he was a kind person always smiling him & Billy now they will be together to catch up on things you & Carl will be strong for each other may Norris Rest In Peace no more pain or suffering Cousin Wilhelmina Augusta Ga*

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**Wilhelmina Caldwell ( cousin )** - December 12, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



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December 10, 2019 at 08:49 PM

KA

“ *In loving memory of Norris, my amazing Brother-in-law; Kind and Caring, Decent and Paternal; Never a harsh word. Thank you for being such a good Husband to my Sister Arline. You will be missed and remembered fondly for who you were/are and for the innumerable good things you have done for others, including me.*  
*Love Always, Karen*

Karen - December 10, 2019 at 06:20 PM

FN

“ *I am so very saddened to hear of the loss of Norris (Seed), We were great friends while attending Morgan and I will always remember the good times shared. I am praying that his family will find the strength and comfort needed to get through this difficult time.*  
*Faye Morehead Nock*

Faye Morehead Nock - December 10, 2019 at 11:47 AM

GF

“ *Gerry Grant & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



Gerry Grant & Family - December 10, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norris P. Turnipseed.*



December 09, 2019 at 09:27 PM



Shaila  
Fuller

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Mr. Turnipseed passing. Every time I seen him he was so happy and vibrant. Always saying hello :) He was a very nice man and I really do apologize for your lost. I am praying for your family strength to get through this hard time.*

*RIP Mr. Turnipseed*

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**Shaila Fuller** - December 09, 2019 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Norris was such a beautiful person and we will never forget him. His kindness and calm demeanor was like a ray of sunshine to the soul. He always greeted us with such a caring, warm smile. I see it whenever I think about him and I automatically smile too. He was so giving and supportive and I wish more people were like him.

*I remember many, many light-hearted and deep conversations, but when I found out he had family in my neighborhood (Turner Station), I was thrilled for the special connection!!! He and his wife came to support a few of our events and even attended my sister's (Angie Banks) wedding. When my baby girl graduated from college he and his wife sent her a card and monetary gift... that made me cry. I will never forget the sincere kindness and support he showered on me & my family, and working with him for the City and citizens of Baltimore has been a privilege.*

*I have resigned to knowing that "We don't come to stay -that this fragile thing we call life is temporary" but I for one (and I'm sure there are many, many others) am grateful to God for sending Norris Turnipseed our way. To his wife and family, from my family to yours, we are keeping you in our prayers and sending love and prayers of comfort your way. If there is anything you need please let us know.*

*Norris, you've earned your wings and a permanent place in Paradise, of this I'm sure. REST IN PEACE dear one, beloved son of the Most High. I'll see you on the other side.*

*-Mandy Breedlove*

*-Jasmine Baylor*

*-Angie Banks*



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**Mandy Breedlove** - December 09, 2019 at 12:53 PM

AB

“ My heart was so, so saddened to hear of Norris' passing. He had the kindest, sweetest spirit and was so funny! He will certainly be missed and I am praying for his family, especially his wife. Thank you for sharing him with us! His is a presence is one that will truly, truly, truly be missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. RIP "Mr. Seed"...

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**Angie Banks** - December 09, 2019 at 11:08 AM