



## Larry Mac Norrell

October 21, 1938 - December 5, 2023

Larry Mac Norrell was born October 21, 1938 in Dallas, TX as the son of Irby and Katie Norrell, and he died December 5, 2023. He was married to Pete Ann Norrell for almost 50 years before she preceded him in death on August 21, 2014.

Mac was a husband, dad, Poppy, brother, uncle, and friend. He was faithful to God, which he passed on to his children, and he served each church he was a member of in various leadership positions and as a teacher and leader for his Sunday School classes (the Builders in Waxahachie, the Pacesetters in Dallas, and the Share Group in Lancaster). Mac influenced and inspired thousands of students and teachers in his 42-year career with the Dallas Independent School District as an educator and principal. His service and leadership extended to his proud membership in the Sam P. Cochran Masonic Lodge #1335 and the Mike H. Thomas Masonic Lodge # 1314. Mac cherished his friends and kept us all entertained with laughs and tall tales about his glory days as a Lancaster Tiger and an East Texas State Lion. He was a meticulous groundskeeper, vegetable gardener, koi pond designer, redneck engineer, grill master, 42 player, and croquet master who went by many names, depending on how you knew him – Larry, Mac, Daddy, Poppy, Uncle Mac, Brother Norrell, Tacky Macky, Big Mac, or the Grand Poobah.

Most importantly, Mac was a gentle giant who wanted everyone to feel

welcome and comfortable – his back door was literally always open. His hugs were the best, and he would do anything for someone that he cared about. Mac had a special affinity for the “littles,” always trying to make them smile with duck noises, silly faces, and, in his younger days, a rousing round of “tick-tock goes the clock” or “airplane.”

Mac is survived by his daughter, Kim; his son, Brian and wife, Missy; his grandchildren, Mary-Kate Miralrio-Norrell and her husband, David, and Nick Norrell. He also is survived by his siblings, Peggy Cruse, Don Norrell, Mary Cheshier, and Sue Taylor. His siblings Irby Norrell and Benja Ragsdale preceded him in death. He loved and was loved by precious brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends too numerous to list, as well as Charlsye Cason, an incredible friend and companion over the last several years. Lucky was his best buddy. He will be missed by a huge family and lifelong friends, but we are all glad we had the opportunity to know and love him and learn from him.

Family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. A celebration of Mac's life will be at 10:00am on Friday, December 15, 2023 at First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie with interment at Oaklawn Cemetery of Mabank.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The ALS Association ([www.als.org](http://www.als.org)) or Scottish Rite Hospital ([scottishriteforchildren.org](http://scottishriteforchildren.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery at Mabank

19201 East US Hwy 175  
Mabank, TX 75147

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
505 West Marvin Avenue  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Larry’s family. Larry hired me as a first year teacher in 1991. He always cared about the whole person, not just about the job. He called me “Rookie” and taught me a great life lesson: Sometimes it’s better to ask for forgiveness rather than for permission. Larry had a tremendous impact in the lives of many educators and will be greatly missed.

Cindy Chamberlain

Cindy Chamberlain - July 08, 2024 at 04:18 PM

EC

“ Mac was always kind to every one he met. He will be missed by a lot of people he touched in his life time.

ellen Clark - December 14, 2023 at 01:08 PM

AM

Dearest Mac, thank you for the precious memories of our time we shared. I never stopped loving you!

Amelia - December 15, 2023 at 12:17 AM

DE

Larry hired me as a counselor at Anderson Elementary School. What a wonderful, caring, supportive man. Much love and peace to his soul.



Dr. Ray Ernst - March 30, 2024 at 10:19 PM

SF

“ Dear Norrell family, please accept my sincere condolences. Max was a special guy. He will be missed by many. I had plans to come to visitation but am down with upper respiratory & cannot. Prayers for peace and healing.  
Always, Sue



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**Sue Smith Fabrizzio** - December 14, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JL

“ *Jasenska & Luksa Luznik purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



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**Jasenska & Luksa Luznik** - December 14, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



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December 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



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December 13, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



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December 13, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Selinda lit a candle in memory of Larry Norrell*



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**Selinda** - December 13, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Carole & Bobby Aga & Our Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



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**Carole & Bobby Aga & Our Families** - December 13, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Don,so sorry to hear about Mac. I remember the good times with he and Pete Ann playing forty-two. Miss seeing you Please know Jo ann and I have to in our prayers. Vernon and Jo Ann Scott*

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**jo ann scott** - December 12, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.



December 10, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ Mr. Norrell was one of the best men at Spruce High School. He was very caring and fair. Such a nice man. So sorry for your loss.  
Misti Schuler

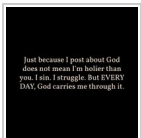
Misti Schuler - December 08, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ Mary K. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.



Mary K. - December 08, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ I remember Mr Norrell from my days at H Grady Spruce. He was so nice! My sincere condolences and prayers for the family.

Suzanne Tarkington - December 08, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ He was one of the good ones! We were so fortunate to have him as a principal at H. Grady Spruce High. He really cared! Praying God's peace and comfort over his family.

Nadine Townsend - December 08, 2023 at 01:35 PM

PH

*He was a fine man and teacher. I'm sorry for your loss*

**patty b harman** - December 09, 2023 at 01:37 AM



“ *Purity and Peace Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Mac Norrell.*



December 07, 2023 at 11:47 AM