



## Kelly J. Norris

September 5, 1931 - May 23, 2026

Kelly J. Norris, of Warren, a dedicated public servant and beloved community member, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at his residence in Warren. He was born in Livingston, Tennessee, on September 5, 1931 to Clyde and Delta (nee Carmack) Norris.

Kelly dedicated his life to service, both locally and nationally. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War era, embodying the spirit of dedication and patriotism that began to define his life's work. After his military service, he returned home to serve as a firefighter with the Detroit Fire Department. His courage, commitment, and camaraderie with his fellow firefighters earned him admiration and respect over the years.

Beyond his professional life, Kelly was deeply committed to making a difference through volunteer work. He was actively involved with Shriners Hospital, contributed his time to Meals on Wheels, and regularly donated blood to the American Red Cross. His community-focused efforts grew out of sheer compassion and a deep-seated drive to assist others in need.

Kelly received a letter from Governor Jennifer Granholm in 2004 thanking him and honoring him for his years of public and community service. She wrote, "In this era of increasing disillusionment with community service, Kelly, you are a true gift of passionate commitment to others. From your service as a

Detroit Fireman to the tireless volunteer work you have provided to Shriners Hospital, Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross, Heritage Presbyterian Church, and Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, you have dedicated yourself and joined the ranks of Michigan's greatest citizens. For all your achievements, I salute you. The state of Michigan is a better place to live, work and raise a family because of your honorable service." Because of his exceptional accomplishments, commitment to volunteerism, and his efforts to improve the lives of others, Kelly was named The Macomb Daily Volunteer of the Week.

Kelly will always be remembered for his selfless service, unwavering dedication, and the love that he gave so freely to his family and community.

Kelly was preceded in death by his loving parents, Clyde and Delta Norris, his cherished wife, Elizabeth "Jane" Norris, whose memory he held dear, his two sons, Gerald Norris and Donald Norris as well as his three brothers, Charles, Keith (Betty) and Coy (Betty).

He is survived by his loving daughters, Jo Anna Norris and Amy Norris and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Kelly's honor to the Shriners Hospital at <https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/give/119312/#!/donation/checkout> or the Detroit Firefighter's Fund at <https://detroitfiremensfund.com/donation>, supporting the causes that were close to his heart.

Visitation Friday, May 29, 2026, from 2-8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7 pm at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Funeral service Saturday, May 30, 2026 - 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

\*\*DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ON 13 MILE ROAD YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE FUNERAL HOME FROM EASTBOUND 13 MILE ROAD. 13 MILE ROAD IS CLOSED FROM VAN DYKE\*\*

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
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## Masonic Service

**MAY 29.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAY **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kelly J. Norris.



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May 29 at 12:37 PM



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

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May 29 at 12:37 PM



“ *The Norris family were neighbors of ours and I grew up with his daughter Amy. Kelly was one of the nicest people and always had a smile. He came to the funeral home to visit my father when he passed away, also a retired Detroit Firefighter. Heaven has gained one of the finest souls. Rest in peace Kelly!*

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**Paul Kotula** - May 27 at 10:49 PM