



Aris J. Norris

November 6, 1920 - September 23, 2016

A.J. Norris—beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and jack-of-all-trades—joined his heavenly family on September 23, 2016. A.J. walked the earth for 95 years, lived through volumes of history, was a member of the Greatest Generation and graduated with top honors from the School of Hard Knocks. His legend began at an ice-packing plant in Mobile, Alabama, where a chance encounter led to a career as a tugboat engineer. For years, stars guided A.J. in and out of the Gulf of Mexico, then in 1948, serendipity led him to a bus seat occupied by his future wife, Camille Antoinette Nereaux. The couple settled in Port Arthur, TX, where they raised their daughters Carol Ann Norris and Mary Elizabeth Osborn. After 40 years of bringing ships into harbor, A.J. retired in San Antonio, TX with his wife and blossoming family of grandchildren. Here, A.J. became Paw-Paw, and spent much of his "retirement" working in his Tinker Shop. Above all, Paw-Paw will be remembered for his countless acts of service. Whether he was tuning up cars, repairing plumbing, framing fences, or serving as a surrogate father to his grandchildren, Paw-Paw said, "I love you," with actions that spoke louder than words. A.J. was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and son-in-law, and is survived by his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who will never forget that: when it comes to men of principle—there was only one.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at Mission Burial Park North, located at 20900 IH 10 West, San Antonio TX US

78257.

Memorial donations may be made to The Heights on Huebner, 10127
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