



Norris Wade Guinn

December 28, 1939 - September 16, 2009

Norris Wade Guinn, 69, of Sherwood, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

Norris was born to Wade and Mildred Calaway Guinn on December 28, 1939 in Combs, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents Wade and Mildred Guinn and his dear sister, Dee Anna Carrithers.

He is survived by his wife, Nina Guinn; two sons, Troy Guinn (Be) and Michael (Karen); two step-daughters, Chris Duncan (Bob) and Julie Mazor (Bruce); four grandchildren, Sirron Ritchie, Jared Guinn, Maddison and Hannah Guinn; eight step-grandchildren Jessica, Rob, Brooke, Brad, Rachel, Jon, Tina and Katelyn; three step-great-grandchildren and one highly-anticipated great-grandchild, Caroline Ritchie. Norris loved all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and they adored him.

Norris worked for Timex for his entire career-a total of 37 years-and he also played ball for them.

He graduated from Central High in the class of 1957. Norris was an outstanding athlete and he played baseball and softball for many years. Norris was inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame in 2001.

Norris loved fishing and fished the White River for trout. He especially loved fishing with his sons as they were growing up. He also enjoyed coaching his son's ball teams for many years.

From the time Norris was 5 years old he played ball and worked various jobs at Lamar Porter Field in Little Rock. He was a true "Porter Brat" as were most of his friends growing up. Norris and his childhood friend, Willis Callaway, wrote a book titled "Lamar Porter Field" about growing up and playing ball in the 50's. Part of the proceeds from this book went to a fund to maintain Porter Field. Norris loved Porter Field and the fact that many inner-city kids are now playing ball on that field once again.

As important as ball playing and Porter Field were to Norris, he knew that the game of Life was the most important one of all, and knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior was the ultimate prize. His greatest desire was that all of his family know the Lord and be baptized.

Norris was a member of the Sylvan Hills Church of Christ. He loved the Lord, his church family and the fellowship he enjoyed there.

Funeral will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Roller-Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Greg Clark officiating. Interment will follow at 11:30 a.m., at Pinecrest Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2009, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Rosie Brooks, Willis Callaway, Bill Eastin, Dean Haley, Bill Huey and Freddy Stone. Honorary Pallbearers are Charles Fultz, Ray Paladino and Jerry Qualls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Porter Field, in care of Jay Rogers, Sportstop Inc., 10720 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72212.