



## Mary Kay Norris

February 27, 1941 - December 28, 2025

Mary Katherine Platt Norris passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025. She was 84.

“Mary Kay” was born Feb. 27, 1941, in Shreveport, La., to Walter Boynton Platt and Margaret Jean Rhodes and had one brother, Joseph Boynton Platt. She graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 1959 before attending Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss.

She will be remembered as a loving wife and mother and an example of kindness and peace for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She served her community as a teacher and librarian and attended Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler as well as a monthly book club.

She married James Alan Norris Aug. 20, 1960, at Dunlap Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, La. They enjoyed a 65-year marriage and welcomed four children: Michael Alan (Monica) Norris, Kimith Randall Norris (Tyler, Texas), Deborah Katherine (William) Coats (Spring Hill, Tenn.) and Casey Dan (Myra) Norris (Tyler, Texas). They resided in Tyler, Texas, for over 40 years.

Mary Kay is survived by her husband, children, eight grandchildren - Sarah Michael Norris, Madison Gail Norris Shaver, Owen Paul Norris, Anna Elizabeth Norris, Ella Katherine Norris (Tyler, Texas), William Alan Coats

(Huntsville, Ala.), Daniel Alex Coats (Jackson, Miss.) and Robert Austin Coats (Bloomington, Ind.) - and five great grandchildren - Ezra James Norris, Nora Katherine Shaver, Jack Michael Shaver, William Davis Coats and Clara Elizabeth Coats.

We will all dearly miss her. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Breckenridge Village Tyler in her name.

A private family graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## **Rose Hill Cemetery**

2400 S Donnybrook Ave,  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

KC

“*Mary Kay was such a special part of Bonner Elementary. While I worked there, she served as our librarian, and her kindness and gentle presence made such a difference each day. She had a beautiful way of making reading fun and welcoming for every child, and the library truly felt like a safe and joyful place because of her. I feel so grateful to have worked alongside her.*”

Kim Costanza - January 09 at 09:58 PM

GZ

“*Mary Kay was one of those wonderful women who made my service for All Saints a joy. She led by example & I will always treasure the list she gave me of Must Reads when I retired. Mary Kay touched the lives of many during her few years as our Lower School librarian.*”

gloria zapalac - January 08 at 10:39 AM

AL

“*I know she will be greatly missed by her friends and family. I enjoyed getting to know her during my time at BVT. She was a wise and intelligent woman that loved her son so much. It was a privilege to know her.*”



April Lanier - January 07 at 09:33 AM

RL

“ Mary Kay was a loving friend to all who knew her, a mother to all of her children’s friends, and very special to all of Casey’s friends and their families in Lindale and Hide Away Lake as well as all of Bubba’s family of friends at Breckenridge where she was always present! She will be remembered for her big smile, positive attitude, and love for others!  
Robbie Lyons

Robbie Lyons - December 31, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Norris.



December 30, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BD

“ Breckenridge Village and Kevin Dinnin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Norris.

Breckenridge Village and Kevin Dinnin - December 30, 2025 at 01:27 PM

GS

“ Gloria A Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Norris



Gloria A Smith - December 30, 2025 at 10:12 AM

WB

“ *William and Laneigh Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mary Norris*



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**William and Laneigh Bryant** - December 30, 2025 at 08:22 AM

DM

“ *Denise Norris Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mary Norris*



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**Denise Norris Mallory** - December 30, 2025 at 02:09 AM

KD

“ *Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Mary Norris*



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**Karen Damon** - December 29, 2025 at 06:05 PM