

# NORRIS W. SHIRLEY



1929 - 2018 Obituary

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Virginia Beach - Norris Winfred Shirley, 88, went to be with his heavenly father on Jan. 12, 2018, after a prolonged illness with Parkinson's dementia. He was a lifelong resident of Virginia Beach and was born on Oct. 29, 1929, in Princess Anne County to the late Charlie and Betty Shirley, and predeceased by brother, Norwood Shirley.

Left to cherish his memory includes his loving wife of 65 years, Marjorie Whedbee Shirley; son, Charles "Billy" Shirley (Carol); daughter, Renee S. Harris (Jimmy); four grandchildren, Sarah S. Shaffner (Eric), Daniel Shirley (Nikki), Katie H. Banks (Gordon), and Lauren E. Harris; two great-grandchildren, Kylee Shirley and Evelyn Banks; and sisters, Betty Jean Whitehurst (Mert), and Joyce Meiggs (Ronnie).

Norris graduated from Kempsville High School at 17 and immediately enlisted in the [Army](#) and served in the [Korean War](#). He has been a dedicated member of St. John's Baptist Church for over 60 years and past Trustee. He was a proud retired farmer and farmed many areas of Virginia Beach before development such as Lynnhaven Mall, Tidewater Community College, Green Run, and Sentara Princess Anne Hospital.

Norris was recognized as top Soybean Producer in the state of Virginia in 1971 and honored as "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce in 1976. Other affiliations included serving as a member of the Virginia Beach School Board for 10 years, Secretary of Virginia Beach Farm Bureau, Soybean Association Director, Soil Conservation Director, Bank of Virginia Beach Advisory Board Member, Bank of Hampton Roads Advisory Board Member, Princess Anne Masonic Lodge, Norfolk Scottish Rite, Khedive Temple, and Virginia Beach Shrine Club.

Norris's happiest times were spent with his loving wife, children, and grandchildren especially at their beach cottage on the Outer Banks. He was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

The family would like to thank hospice and his caregivers for their tender loving care.

The family will receive friends Monday, Jan. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Princess Anne Chapel. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA. Interment will follow in Colonial Grove Memorial Park at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations if desired may be made to St. John's Baptist Church. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.hollomon-brown.com](http://www.hollomon-brown.com)

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