



## Isaac Norris Kantor

August 29, 1929 - July 18, 2025

Isaac Norris Kantor of Bluefield, West Virginia, passed away peacefully with his family by his side in Mechanicsville, Virginia on July 18th, 2025. Norris was born in Charleston West Virginia on August 29, 1929 and was raised in Logan, West Virginia. He attended high school at the Greenbrier Military School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Military Institute, a college which remained dear to his heart. Following graduation Norris obtained his law degree from West Virginia University. As an Air Force officer Norris served as a Judge Advocate General. It was during his third year of law school that he met Doris Sue Katz, who would become his wife of 69 years. After being briefly stationed in Murfreesboro, Tennessee Norris was assigned to Hickam Airforce Base in Honolulu, Hawaii. While recruited by a Honolulu law firm, he and Doris Sue decided to return to Bluefield, where he joined Jerome and Leroy Katz in what was to be known as Katz, Katz and Kantor. Norris was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and is survived by his wife Doris Sue Kantor, son Mark Kantor and daughter in law Jane Zalutsky of Cle Elum, Washington, daughter Cindy Kraft of Glen Allen, Virginia and daughter Beth and son in law Joe Zachwieja of Glen Allen, Virginia as well as seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, with one on the way. Norris was a director of First Community Bank for 34 years and was an active member of his temple, Ahavath Sholom, as well as numerous community activities including the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, Bluefield State University, Bluefield Rotary, Bluefield Area Development Corporation,

American Cancer Society, Visiting Committee of West Virginia University Law, School, West Virginia Counsel of B'nai B'rith and many other civic and philanthropic activities.

Funeral Services will be held at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, West Virginia on July 29th at 12:00 pm with Rabbi Victor Urecki officiating to be followed by burial at Monte Vista Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Josh Kantor, Lane Kantor, Erik Zachwieja, Ross Zachwieja, Joe Zachwieja and Richard Katz.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until service time.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Norris' memory to the Community Foundation of the Virginias.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Route 123  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ *My condolences to you and all the family. I hope you know how much I appreciate you and Norris always being there for mom and dad*

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**Ron Deitz** - August 02, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DF

“ *David Kelley and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Isaac Norris Kantor.*



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**David Kelley and family** - July 31, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JP

“ *Norris was a true gentleman, scholar and phenomenal lawyer. He was among the finest people anyone could ever be privileged to know. The legal profession and humanity have lost a GIANT. Rest in a well-deserved peace, Norris. Love always,*

*James and Stephanie Palmer*

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**James Palmer** - July 26, 2025 at 05:29 PM

BG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Bonnie Barbakow Greenberg** - July 24, 2025 at 10:45 AM

BG

*Thinking of our wonderful times together..sending love and sincere condolences.BonnieLarry*

**Bonnie Barbakow Greenberg** - July 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

RS

“ *Dear Doris Sue, Mark, Cindy, and Beth,*

*I was so saddened to learn of Norris's death. I have so many memories of him -- and all of you -- at Congregation Ahavath Sholom services, onegs, special events, and those picnics we used to have every summer. (And Mark, let's not forget Sunday School!) He was always so warm and friendly, making me (and later my husband, Ron) feel almost like family. He was a stalwart friend to my mom and dad and a generous soul to all he knew. I can't begin to imagine the depth of loss you feel, but I hope that all those decades of happy memories and the love you all share will give you strength and comfort in the coming days. Lots of people will be keeping you close in their hearts and thoughts as you move forward; I'll be one of them. Ron joins me in sending heartfelt condolences.*

*Love,  
Rose Michele (Finkelman) Solomon*

**Rose Solomon** - July 23, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Isaac Norris Kantor.*



July 21, 2025 at 09:50 PM

SS

“ *Mr. Kantor was a dear friend, I knew for many years. I loved his stories. He was proud of his service to our country. He was so kind and generous. We had many laughs together. I will miss him greatly.*

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**Shirley Smith** - July 21, 2025 at 08:39 PM

WE

“ *Dora Sue and family,  
A life is not measured merely by the number of places one visits, or even by the public accolades that a person receives, even though Norris could count plenty of both during his long and productive life. Norris lived his life "full measure". He achieved greatness, not by seeking it, but instead through his steadfast devotion to God, his family, the lawyers and staff with whom he worked over the years, his clients, and of course his community, which he served tirelessly and in countless ways. Having spent almost the entirety of my legal career at the law firm he helped to establish-- first as a summer intern, then an associate and later as a partner-- I can proclaim sincerely that knowing and working with Norris Kantor is, and will always be, one of the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon myself personally.*

*I do not believe that we will ever see his equal again. He will be sorely missed.*

*Wayne Evans*

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**Wayne Evans** - July 21, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DB

“ Norris was a good person, professional, and quietly, very generous, helping so many people in need; many who never knew him. He left a legacy of professionalism and leadership that so many who knew and worked with him will live and be blessed by growing in their own pathways through life. Norris was proud of his children - Cindy, Beth and Mark. He loved and was very attentive to Doris Sue. Norris was a good man and an honor to know and work with. The Kantor family continues to be in my thoughts and prayers during this emotional time for everyone.

*W David Burnette*

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**David Burnette** - July 21, 2025 at 05:19 PM

EB

“ I had the great pleasure of knowing and working with Norris the past 20+ years. He was a tremendous lawyer and an even a greater person. I struggle to think of a time in which he did not have a smile on his face in all the years I had the pleasure of knowing him. He had a way of connecting and relating to people regardless of the situation. That's probably why Guy Perkins sent him and Dorris Sue to Morgantown in the spring of 2003 to take me to dinner and attempt to recruit me to Katz, Kantor & Perkins. He sold me after seeing the great firm and family I was joining. (Plus, Norris is not an easy person to say no to.) I have, since that time and over the years of getting to know them better, considered Norris and Dorris Sue as two of the most wonderful people I know. We have been a firm family that continues to this day. We shared wonderful times and heartaches together, none greater than this one. I consider Norris as my greatest mentor and one of the people I have looked up to the most over the years because of his words, but mostly because of his selfless actions. He will be greatly missed by me, my immediate family, my extended family and every person that had the pleasure of knowing him within the past and current Katz, Kantor, Stonestreet & Buckner family. I'm terribly sorry Dorris Sue and all of Norris' family for this loss. My heart and prayers are with you. May God comfort you with the knowledge and peace that Norris' life was a very well life lived.

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**Eric Buckner** - July 20, 2025 at 09:52 PM

NA

“ I worked with Norris and he was a wonderful person. Represented me and my family legally as well. Good attorney and a very caring person. RIP Norris. Nancy Neel- Adams

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**Nancy Adams** - July 20, 2025 at 04:46 PM

SL

“ Rick and I were very saddened to hear about Norris’ passing. He was always such a kind gentleman and will be missed by many people. May God bless you at this time.  
Suzanne and Rick

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**Suzanne Lowry** - July 20, 2025 at 02:36 PM

EB

“ Our love and prayers for the Kantor Family.  
Love Elizabeth, Christopher, Joseph and Jennifer Bauch  
(Connecticut)

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**Elizabeth Bauch** - July 20, 2025 at 02:12 PM

RG

“ Was a pleasure working with him as a member of the Bluefield State College Research and Development Corporation Board and the BSC Foundation Board. My deepest condolences to Doris and all of the Kantor family and close friends.

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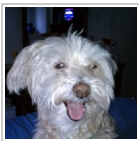
**Ray Guy** - July 20, 2025 at 01:15 PM

KB

“ Norris was a wonderful person. Charming and delightful and a truly good person. His legal acumen was first class. Honorable and ethical, so helpful to younger lawyers, and a very competitive golfer. He will be remembered as well for his wonderful family. Doris Sue, I am so sorry.

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**Kay Bayless** - July 20, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Adored him, my mentor.

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**Susan Henderson** - July 19, 2025 at 08:59 PM