

## Joseph Leonard Norris, Jr, (Fuzzy)

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Joseph Leonard Norris, Jr, (Fuzzy), 68, of Drayden, MD and Port Orange, FL formerly from Colton's Point, MD passed away on July 29, 2020 in Drayden, MD. Born on August 10, 1951 in Leonardtown, MD he was the devoted son of the late Ruth Montgomery Sweeney and Joseph Leonard Norris, Sr. Fuzzy was the loving husband of Kathy Jayne Norris whom he married on December 23, 1977 in Leonardtown, MD. He is survived by his son Bernie Norris (Shannon) of Colton's Point, MD, and 3 grandchildren. As well as siblings Jane Morgan (Donald) of Coltons Point, MD, Lana Cameron of Hollywood, MD, Heidi Norris (Partner Tony Farrell) of Colton's Point, MD, Hattie Norris (George Bussler) of Colton's Point, MD. He was preceded in death by his son Bobby Norris. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident and attended Chopticon High School. Fuzzy was a Marine Mechanic and waterman at Dennis Point Marina and Campground for over 40 plus years.

Fuzzy's main love was being on or around the water; whether it was with the family at Lake Anna, VA, oystering on the Potomac, hauling and repairing boats and jet skis at Dennis Point Marina, and Campground, or driving his race boats. For over 25 years Fuzzy tonged for oysters in the Potomac River and its tributaries. He participated in workboat races with his restored "Kathy J" at Swann's Pier in Piney Point. As a member of the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association he shared his knowledge of oyster tonging at the Blessing of the Fleet at Colton's Point. In 2011, Fuzzy was named St. Mary's County Waterman of the year during the Blessing of the Fleet.

Fuzzy was an active member of the Southern Maryland Boat Club. He spent many hours restoring vintage race boats namely his 1956 Whirlwind and his 1976 Allison "One More Time". He participated in many vintage boat regattas in Leonardtown, both Wheeling and New Martinsville, West Virginia, Springfield, Ohio, and Tavares, Florida.

Fuzzy was also a race car fan. As a teenager Fuzzy competed at Maryland International Raceway with his 69 red Ford Fairlane, winning a trophy for 1st. place. He attended local races at Budd's Creek Raceway and when in Florida he could be found at the Volusia Speedway. And for 21 years he attended the Daytona 500.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 3, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, where a private Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Joe Lloyd officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Tom Bailey, Sam Bailey, Pat Cooley, and Pete Shreve. Honorary Pallbearers will be Stevie Lawrence and Greg Carder.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and Southern Maryland Boat Club P.O. Box 203 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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