



## Bret J. Norris

June 1, 1939 - March 29, 2025

March 29, 2025 of Cheektowaga, NY.

Beloved husband of 62 years to Mary Jane (nee O'Connell) Norris; loving father of David (Susan) Norris, Michele (Dennis) Ast, and Kelly (Michael) Paquette; cherished grandfather of Joshua, Emily, Patrick, Thomas, Carly, Zachary and Sarah; dear brother of the late Todd (Charleen) Norris, late Karen (late Paul) Stehle, and the late Cheryl (David) Schrader; also survived by nieces, nephews, and friends. Bret was a proud US Army Veteran. He was a member of the Frank L. Gierlach Post 1320 in Sloan, the UAW Local 55, and very active at St Philip the Apostle Parish. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday April 1st from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 10AM in St Philip the Apostle RC Church, 950 Losson Rd, Cheektowaga. Please assemble at church. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Bret's name to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, 325 Walden Ave, Buffalo, NY 14211. (<https://www.stlukesmissionofmercy.org/donate.html>). Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
(716) 668-3122  
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 2. 10:00 AM (est)

St. Philip the Apostle Church  
950 Losson Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

*Please Assemble at Church*

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ We are very very sad to hear of the death of our very good friend Bret. It is hard to find the right words to say. Max feels he was privledged to have him as his golf partner for 10 years. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was one of the best people we ever knew. Our deepest condolences go out to his family.

Max Fuller - March 31, 2025 at 08:37 PM

KW

“ Kecin Walgate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bret J. Norris.

Kecin Walgate - March 30, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ Kecin Walgate purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bret J. Norris.



Kecin Walgate - March 30, 2025 at 03:37 PM

BW

“ So sorry for the family's loss. Brett was a kind and caring person. He had the best smile and laugh. May your memories bring you all comfort.

Barbara Walders - March 30, 2025 at 03:36 PM