



Howard Ellis Norton

December 2, 1936 - June 8, 2011

Funeral services for Howard Ellis "Chief" Norton will be held at Miller Funeral Home in Oxford Alabama on Saturday June 25 at 11:00 am with Chuck Stricklin officiating. Also, remarks by Ken Rollins. Graveside service to follow at Eulaton United Methodist Church.

Howard Norton died at his home in Cartersville, GA on Wednesday June 8th, 2011. He was born December 2, 1936 in Opelika, AL. Norton enlisted in the Navy when he was 17 years old, reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was a "Charter Member" of VVA Chapter # 502 since 1989. He was instrumental in raising funds to make it possible to build Centennial Memorial Park in Anniston, AL. He served on the VVA Chapter #502 Honor Guard for 15 years and also performed the "Fallen Comrade Ceremony" at many funerals and other ceremonial events. He was the "Vietnam Veteran of the Year" in 2000.

He was a member of the 55 and older softball team in Oxford, AL. He also enjoyed his Anniston High School Class of '55 reunions and luncheons with his classmates.

The sense of charity was echoed in the many actions of Norton's life. His proudest moment he noted himself was taking up the cause and bringing home Mr. Ben Edwards Brooks, a Korean War Veteran, for a proper burial. He is survived by his loving son-in-law Keith Schaus and daughter Melissa Schaus of Cartersville, GA. Sons Ralph Norton of Newnan, GA, Jeffrey Dean Norton of Pensacola, FL and H.E. Norton, Jr. of St. Petersburg, FL. Daughters

Stephanie Norton of Pensacola, FL and Brenda Norton Bell of St. Petersburg, FL. 6 Grandchildren and 3 Great-Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Randy Norton, father Harold E. Norton, mother Elizabeth Louise Fuller Norton Chapman, brother Billy Norton and sister Hazel Judah.

Honorary Pallbearers – Anniston High School Class of 1955, Traylor Chapter 502 Vietnam Veterans, Dr. Clifford Black, Surgeon and Bill Chappell his dearest friend.

Military Honors provided by the US Navy with VVA Chapter #502 performing the Fallen Comrade Ceremony.