



## Norris Toomer

March 15, 1951 - January 13, 2026

Norris Toomer, 74, of Locust Grove, Georgia, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, with his devoted wife by his side.

Born on March 15, 1951, in Miami, Florida, Norris was a proud graduate of Miami Carol City High School. In 2006, Norris and his family moved from Miami to Locust Grove, Georgia, to start a new chapter. In 2015, Norris dedicated his life to the Lord and became a faithful member in Christ at Tabernacle of Praise Church International in McDonough, Georgia. He remained a devoted member of his church home, maintaining his faith and connection to the ministry until his illness prevented his ability to serve in person.

Norris was a man of many talents, but he was best known for the joy he found in music. An avid singer, he could often be heard lifting his voice to his favorites—whether he was singing along to the soul-stirring "I Feel Like Going On" from The Five Heartbeats or finding strength in the gospel classic "I Won't Complain." His voice reflected his resilient spirit and his deep gratitude for life. His journey in the kitchen began at "Tuckers" in Opa-locka, where he worked for his Aunt Bea and Uncle Brown. It was there he earned the lifelong nickname "Hamburger" (or "Burger"). He became a master of soul food, famously known for his yams, ribs, and chitterlings. While studying Computer Science at Miami Dade Community College, Norris worked as a lead Custodian at Parkway Middle School located in Miami, Florida. He later moved on to Barricade Inc and spent 21 years as a Traffic Control Supervisor.

Following his first retirement, his entrepreneurial drive led him to found Toomer Lawn Services, which he operated with pride for 25 years.

Norris was preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma Toomer (Spearman); his brothers, Garrett Spearman and James Toomer; and his eldest son, Norris "Rabbit" Toomer, Jr.

A devoted family man, Norris is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Dr. Williesa Toomer. His memory will be cherished by his mother-in-law, Sandra Richards (Lestroy), and his father-in-law, Willie Henry, Sr. (Claretta).

His legacy continues through his children: Sharonda "Mophsy" Toomer, Tion Toomer, Norresha Toomer, Garrett Toomer, Tyrikka Hudson, and Roderick Sweeting, Jr., as well as his two godchildren, Tenesha Daise and Isaiah Bass. He was the proud grandfather of 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Norris also leaves behind his sister, Shirland Toomer, and his brothers, Johnnie "JT" Toomer, Ronnie Spearman (Kay), and Ira Toomer. His extended family includes eight brothers-in-law: Oliver Baker, Jr. (Genesis), Robbie "Kip" Henry, Gary Plather, Willie Henry, Jr., Keith Link, Roland Baker (Shalina), Kelvin Baker (Christine), and Roderick Baker; and three sisters-in-law: NaKenya Lewis (Raymond), Racole Jackson (Nicholas), and Yolonda Ramsey (George).

He is further survived by two uncles, Walter and Tom Toomer; four uncles-in-law; and two aunts-in-law, along with a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Norris will be remembered for his incredible work ethic, his famous meals, and the songs he sang that brightened the lives of those around him. He was a steady anchor for his family, and though he has finished his journey, his song remains in the hearts of all who loved him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel  
300 Griffin Street  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(770) 957-4337  
[info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com)

## Service

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle of Praise Church International  
1640 Hwy 42 North  
McDonough, GA 30253  
[admin@topci.org](mailto:admin@topci.org)  
<http://topci.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“  *kindest Memories of Mr. Toomer*

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**Helen Rosier** - January 22 at 06:26 PM