



# Homer Priestly Norton

May 4, 1925 - June 17, 2019

Homer Priestly (HP) Norton, 94, of Moncks Corner, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Monday, June 17, 2019. HP was born in Franklin, NC and served in the US Navy during World War II and later moved to Charleston and worked as a machinist at Charleston Naval Shipyard. He met his wife Katherine Davis there and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary October 2018.

HP and longtime business partner, James Taylor founded the Outboard Shop in 1956. In the mid 1960s he started Scout Boats. Due to health issues, he left the Outboard Shop and then became interested in orchids. He and his wife began Orchidview in 1976. He quickly became an expert in Phaleonopsis and Slipper orchids and traveled the world lecturing and displaying the products of his expertise. But the most lasting legacy of HP's life was his love and service for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was involved in many aspects of ministry including Sunday School teacher, deacon and bus ministry.

His funeral will be handled by James A. Dyal of Summerville and will take place at 1 PM at Tri-City Baptist Church, 152 Lazy Hill Road, Moncks Corner, SC. Visitation will be from 11 AM until the time of the service. Mr. Norton is preceded in death by his wife Katherine Davis Norton, a son James R. Norton, a sister Arma Lee Barnes. Surviving are, a sister Jewel Norton Jamison, two daughters, Carol N. Campbell and her husband Tony of Pimlico, and Kathy N. Morris and her husband Lonnie Morris of North Charleston, two granddaughters, Rachel Kirk of NJ and Katie M. Holifield and husband Jason of Wando. The family request that memorials be made to Tri-City Baptist Church Building Fund.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at <http://www.jamesadyal.com>.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Cemetery

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## Whispering Pines Memorial Gardens

3044 Old Highway 52  
Moncks Corner, SC,

# Events

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**JUN 20** Visitation 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Tri-City Baptist Church  
152 Lazy Hill Rd., Moncks Corner, SC, US,  
29461

**JUN 20** Service 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - June 20, 2019 at 08:40 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting HP and Katherine in NY at our Orchid show for the first time. Over time I found them to be kind and generous people. HP was also a legendary orchid hybridizer. I'm very sad to hear of his passing and send best wishes to his family and friends.

**paul bundarin** - June 23, 2019 at 07:54 AM

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“ Dr. A. Dean and Patricia Stock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Homer Priestly Norton.



**Dr. A. Dean and Patricia Stock** - June 21, 2019 at 02:23 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Homer Priestly Norton.



June 19, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ Homer Norton was the second most influential man in my life, second only to my dad. I went to work for him at The Outboard Shop when I was 16 years old in 1970. He treated me with respect, greeted everyone with a smile, and went through the day with a constant whistle while he worked. Through the years I worked for him he taught me so very much, not only about boats, but life. The last time we spoke he told me he loved me, and I told him the same. He will be missed, but he left his mark on so many. Rest in Peace Boss.

**Tom Marlowe** - June 19, 2019 at 09:15 AM

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“ I have utmost respect for HP and Katherine and their family. One of the greatest adventures of my life was traveling with them to Venezuela in search of orchids and hummingbirds, with Katherine wielding the camera. Carol, you remember that triip as well. HP had the most twinkling eyes of anyone I ever knew. He never met a stranger, and embraced everyone with love. He truly lived a Christian life. Katherine was the ultimate southern lady - so gracious and a perfect match for HP. Many orchid growers were under HP's influence about all things orchid. A generous man with his time and knowledge.

Both HP and Katherine will be missed by all the people who knew them. Kitty and I express our greatest sympathy to all of the family in the loss of this great man.

Gene and Kitty Crocker

**Gene Crocker** - June 19, 2019 at 08:15 AM

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“ The first time I met Mr. Norton I was twelve years old with my dad visiting the Outboard Shop on Rivers Ave. When Homer spoke to me, he actually turned toward me and looked into my eyes acknowledging me in a way that few adults did at that time. His passion for evangelism at Midland Park Baptist Church formed in me a similar passion that carried me into the ministry for the next thirty-five years and continues today. I have seen so many in several countries come to faith in Jesus. I have always knelt down to speak directly to the boys and girls who were waiting to talk with me. I know he was great for many reasons, but he was great to me because he noticed me.

Woody Butler, pastor  
Life Church  
874 Orleans Rd.  
Charleston, SC

Woody Butler - June 19, 2019 at 08:08 AM

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“ HP was one of those people who was larger than life.

I first met him in the 1980's when I was a hybridizer at Carter and Holmes, Orchids. HP patiently taught me much (I was terribly young to have such a title at a world-class company and was, honestly, scared to death that I would fail the company's heritage...).

Always comforting and charismatic in equal parts, HP came to be one of the most respected people I could ever know. His love for Katherine was, in itself inspiring and, indeed, we did use Phalaenopsis Katherine in our breeding program!

I know that recent years had been difficult for HP and the family, although I have not been in direct contact in many years. Please know that HP will be remembered fondly, and missed, far beyond y'all's generous, peaceable home.

Walton Ray

Walton Ray - June 18, 2019 at 06:06 AM