



Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.

December 25, 1936 - January 5, 2025

Ray Egleston Norwood, Jr. 88, died January 5, 2025.

Ray was born in Darlington County on Christmas Day, 1936. He was the first-born son of the late Ray Egleston and Beatrice Waddell Norwood. He graduated from St. Johns High School in 1955. After attending the Citadel, he returned to Darlington and joined the family business, Norwood Construction. Over the years he built hundreds of homes all over South Carolina before retiring in 2005. He loved horses and horse shows. The Appaloosa was his favorite and over the years he had some good ones. As he grew older, he found it more difficult to ride and show his horses, but he still managed to find the time to watch as many Westerns as possible on television. He loved to dance. He could shag like nobody's business, and he made sure his girls could too! He was the only man at the dance with four dates. AND they were all his daughters!

Ray had charisma, charm, good looks, and an outstanding personality. Those four qualities made him a great family man, a great businessman, and a great friend to many people. He made the world a better place.

Friends are invited to greet Mr. Norwood's family Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 5 PM until 7 PM at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home, 315 Pearl St., Darlington, SC. You are also invited to a memorial service and reception on

Thursday, January 9, 2025, to be held at 3 PM at The Grand Old Post Office, 201 Pearl St., Darlington, SC.

On June 18, 1960, Ray Married Claire Delorme. To this union came a large family to include his daughters, Lisa N. Wiley and husband, Tim. Natalie Hardee and husband, Jimmie. Joni Caudle and husband, Ken. and Jeanne Vaught and husband, Chuck. His daughter in law, Brandy Norwood Weaver. He is predeceased by his son, Ray E. Norwood, III.

Ray later married Patricia "Patty" Biggers Norwood. They were married for 17 years. He shared her family to include Ryan and Amie Jordan, Winter and Jay Pittman, and Forrest and Emily Jordan.

His family also includes his brothers, Wayne Norwood and wife Lola, Mike Norwood, and Tim Norwood and wife Anne. He is predeceased by his brother, Lide Norwood.

His grandchildren include, Taylor Wiley, Merritt Hardee Wallace and husband Sean, Sarah Hardee Chapman and husband Jay, Ren Norwood, Hank Sumner and wife Kristin, Mitch Parker and partner, Kayli, Katharine Morrison and husband Lee, Blake Caudle and wife Christina, Kris Lambert and wife Ashley, and Dantzler Medd and husband Devin; his great grandchildren, Nora Wallace, Law Wallace, Anniston Parker, Jackson Parker, Ace Morrison, Katelyn Morrison, Crosland Morrison, Chance Caudle, Paisley Caudle, Kali Rae Lambert, and Quinn Lambert. Brandon Jordan, Skylar Billings, Pheobe Jordan, Alex Jordan, Wesley Pittman, Windsor Murphy, Addison Young, and Annalise Jordan.

We would like to mention the wonderful care Ray received from Hazel Bradshaw, Piper Gaster, Kylie Hyatt. These kind folks made Ray's end of life transition easier for him and for his family. Their kindness and compassion did

not go unnoticed, and the entire family is truly grateful.

The family suggests memorials be made to assist with the research and cure of Parkinson's. Donations can be made online by visiting [The Parkinson's Foundation](#).

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Ray was my Uncle Ray married to my dad’s sister Claire. As a young boy growing up I remember him as a fun loving Uncle who adored his daughters and son. Ray’s brother Lide was a good friend of mine while attending Darlington schools. My prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time. A special thought for Joni, I read your Facebook comments about dementia related illnesses and your efforts to make folks aware of the difficulty dealing with it are so true. Several close friends during my life time have disappeared from our circle of friends due their dementia illness and like you said it takes special people to help cope with individuals who have dementia. My wife, Sue, is taking care of her step-mom who has dementia while her 5 children have placed her in memory care institution and with the exception of one of her kids who really cares but lives 300 miles away has kept their distance as their mom progressively get worst. It takes a very special person to really care and try to take care of a dementia related illness person. Thank God for those Angels.

Boobie DeLorme - January 13, 2025 at 11:34 AM

KH

“ Karen Huggins lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



karen Huggins - January 08, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JP

“ Jaramillo Family- Synergi Partners purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr..



Jaramillo Family- Synergi Partners - January 07, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JP

“ Jaramillo Family- Synergi Partners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr..

Jaramillo Family- Synergi Partners - January 07, 2025 at 08:39 PM

LF

“ Love, The Sweeney Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr..



Love, The Sweeney Family - January 07, 2025 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ Sending our most sincere condolences to all the family. May you all be comforted by happy memories and God's love, mercy, and grace as you go through these difficult days. Anne & Dean Chapman



Ann Chapman - January 07, 2025 at 03:29 PM

AA

“Patty we are praying for you and the family. Ray will be dearly missed. We love you so much. Until you meet again. Much love.

Amber Allen and family

Amber Allen - January 07, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“We will miss you dearly Ray. You were a hero for me. You and Patty helped so much when I first became your neighbor. You would walk over and help me with Abby before I retired. This was a cruel disease that took you, but you are now resting comfortably with God. We love you.

Please keep Patricia B. Norwood and family in your prayers 🙏

Mannetta Tucker - January 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM

AW

Ray certainly loved horses like his brother, Mike Norwood. Ray was indeed good looking and always had a smile. His laugh was like his brother's Lide. He and Mike loved watching old cowboy shows. The black and whites were the best for them. Ray and Claire produced beautiful children who carry on his laughter and charisma.

Anne West - January 07, 2025 at 02:02 PM

HD

“House of Hope of the Pee Dee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr..



House of Hope of the Pee Dee - January 07, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JA

“ Prayers to the Family!



Jenny Waddell Abel - January 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Jenn Clay Suggs lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



Jenn Clay Suggs - January 07, 2025 at 05:35 AM

AM

“ Sending up prayers for the entire family.



A. McRavin - January 07, 2025 at 05:24 AM

CP

“ Carol Powers lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



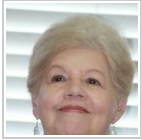
Carol Powers - January 06, 2025 at 10:01 PM

CP

“ Carol Powers lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



Carol Powers - January 06, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ My prayers and love is with all of the Norwood Family. Rest in Peace, Ray. 🌹

Ruth Campbell - January 06, 2025 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ Des Standish Brown lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



Des Standish Brown - January 06, 2025 at 06:26 PM

SM

“ Lisa, my heart goes out to during this time. Sending uplifting prayers for you and the family. ❤️



Sandra moody - January 06, 2025 at 05:19 PM

BB

“ David and I attended St. John's with Ray. We are so sorry for your loss. RIP our friend and classmate.

Betty Adams Jeffords Broach and David Broach

Betty Jeffords Broach - January 06, 2025 at 11:51 AM

AK

“ Angie Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Ray Egleston Norwood Jr.



Angie Kennedy - January 06, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AK

“ Lisa - I am so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you and your family.

Angie Kennedy

Angie Kennedy - January 06, 2025 at 10:53 AM

EH

“ Love all of you. Sending lots of hugs and prayers

Gene and Elaine



Elaine Hubbard - January 05, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CP

*Tim and Family my sincere sympathy goes out to your Family. RIP
PRAYERS
Carol Powers*

Carol Powers - January 06, 2025 at 09:59 PM

MW

My deepest sympathy to you Patty and the Norwood family.

Mildred Welch - January 07, 2025 at 07:46 AM

JL

*Tim and Family
Our thoughts and prayers are with you..always,
With the Deepest Respect,
jill and Joseph Lewis*

jill LEWIS - January 07, 2025 at 09:26 AM