



Who knew a first date in 1979 with my wife at 16 years old at a drive-in movie to see a Chuck Norris film would lead to me decades later being his pastor, co-author, and family friend?

Move over Achilles, Leonidas, Miyamoto Musashi, and even the giants of the martial arts world like Bruce Lee. **The world has lost its greatest warrior—Chuck Norris.**

In the wake of his passing, a global silence has fallen, followed by a roar of respect that has echoed from the highest offices to every corner of the globe (if you didn't know, his popularity is even greater in most countries overseas).

In just the first hours after the family released the news, a flood of tributes permeated the airwaves. From [President Trump's heartfelt video tribute](#) to former President [George W. and First Lady Laura Bush](#)'s expression of the nation's collective heavy heart, everyone was smiling and sharing about Norris's legend. Even Arnold Schwarzenegger and other huge stars of the silver screen have shared their grief and admiration in the [AP News coverage](#) and across [every news network](#). The news is everywhere—covered with reverence and legendary sentiment by [FOX News](#), [CNN](#), [CBN](#), [Newsmax](#), [NewsNation](#), [ABC](#), and [NBC](#). Even the Babylon Bee got into the fringe with a fun and hilarious piece playing on Norris's super-hero status, titled, “[‘Fear Not!’ Says Chuck Norris To Calm Trembling Angels!](#)”

However, my favorite tribute is from his long-time friend and fellow powerhouse, [Lou Ferrigno](#), a guy I always admired since a teen as “The Incredible Hulk.” He shared on News Nation his deep respect for the man whose strength was anchored in a place far deeper than muscle.

To those of us blessed to closely work with him, we have lost a brother, a confidant, a fellow culture warrior, and a steadfast friend. I speak for guys like Larry, Jeff, Mike, Bill, Randy, the Kick Start Kids team and even my own son Jesse, who, around 2010, personally helped him on his ranch edit “tone down” every one of his 20+ action movies so his younger kids (then) and future grandkids could watch them.

The world knows him as “Chuck Norris,” and we still call him “Mr. Norris” when in front of others. But when personally together, we called him by his real name: Carlos. His mother named him after her minister in Ryan, Oklahoma, where he was born--Carlos Berry, as a tribute to the man’s spiritual influence on the family. The iconic nickname “Chuck” didn’t come along until much later, when he was serving in the Air Force.

So, now, it’s my turn to pay respect—to give a tribute I know is unlike any other. I want to share highlights of my 20 years with Chuck Norris. I hope you’ll enjoy it. I think you will.



The Hook that Defined Decades: A Drive-In Date

It all started for me... In 1979, when I met the love of my life, a hot, beautiful brunette named Tracy, at Bass Lake, Ca. We were both 16. One of our first official dates was with our lifelong beloved friends John and Missy Bluebaugh. We piled into a car and headed to a drive-in theater—remember those?—to see Chuck Norris in his action film *A Force of One*. How

romantic of us men!! I was just a kid in love; I had no idea I was looking at the man I would one day call “boss” and “Carlos” in the quiet of his Texas ranch.

At the time, Tracy shared her Christian faith with me, then, shortly after, rightly left me because of my atheism and worldly lifestyle. Over the next few years, she prayed for me as I examined the [evidence for God and the Bible](#). [I eventually walked away from my atheist background](#), became a Christian, got back together with and married Tracy (what a lucky guy—still feel that way!), started a family, graduated from Bible College and Seminary, and began my journey in vocational ministry.

Fast forward 15 years later! I was pastoring in Northern California when I looked into the audience as I was teaching and said to myself, *“That man in the audience looks like Chuck Norris.”* He and his wonderful wife Gena would attend church from time to time, and I just asked the leaders to make sure people didn't mob them so they could worship freely as our First Amendment protects them.



In Iraq: Our dear friend Jeff, Carlos, me, and the inspiring [Mike Slee from Zaragoga Pictures](#)

The “Weird” that Changed Our Lives

I didn't actually meet Carlos and Gena until a couple of years later when I was jogging back in the forest and saw them walking on the path ahead of me (with their backs to me). As I ran by, I quipped, **“You’re going to have to speed it up to get some cardio!”** I stopped and we laughed, and they said, “Pastor Todd! So nice to meet you in person!” We walked and talked for an hour.

And then, before we parted, Gena asked a strange but life-changing question: **"Have you ever thought about writing?"** It was a crazy question because I had many times! Twenty years earlier, professors even told me I should. But it was Gena's discernment, which I would count on often over the next few decades, that was God's voice in that moment.

They told me they wanted to write columns to battle the culture wars and degrading health of Americans, and they needed a researcher. I knew immediately it was right to do. So, I started collaborating with them in writing weekly columns for the culture and nutrition articles. I love to research, so I became a primary research "hound" for him and them, while even still pastoring in the NoCal mountains.

About six months later, they were back in Texas, and I got a call on my cell phone. I had actually never spoken with him on the phone up to this point—something I later learned he never “enjoyed” to do—talk on the phone. He was always old school—no emails, no texts, always in-person chats.

“Hi, this is Chuck Norris!” a voice said on the phone. Btw, my church staff and I would often joke about “Walker, Texas Ranger” attending the church—we even had a full-length cut out of him for meetings! I didn't think it was him on the phone, but a leader joking with me. So, I replied, “Well, that's amazing, because I'm Mel Gibson!” Chuck laughed. And I said to myself, “Whoops! It's really him!” Embarrassed, I replied, “I'm so sorry Chuck! How can I help you?”

Without missing a beat he said, “I'd like you to come to Iraq with me.” (Iraq was still a hot ISIS infested war zone at the time, though their dictator Saddam Hussein had been taken out.). So, how else is a guy supposed to respond to that question? I replied, “Can we go to Hawaii instead?!” He laughed again, and I asked, “Can I pray and talk to Tracy about it?” He said, “Of course! I'll talk to you later.”

That was the beginning of one of 1000 trips that would be life-changing. You can read about our tour of Iraq to encourage over 20,000 U.S. troops (who he personally shook hands with!) and listen to me talk about the trip [here](#).

I came home from Iraq, and simply went back to pastoring. A few months later, the Norrises asked Tracy and I to come over. I thought I was there for just another “pastoral visit” to help a parishioner. Boy, was I wrong.

I always told Tracy if we left the pastorate, **"I felt it would be for something 'weird.'"** When they had us over, he gave me those “Walker, Texas Ranger” eyes and said, "We believe the Lord wants you to be our full-time Chaplain." I turned to Tracy and said with raised eyebrows, **"That's 'weird'!"** I again instantly knew we were supposed to go, not because they said so, or to “follow a star,” but because I could tell God was saying, “Go!” So, after a heart-wrenching transition from my staff who were all very close friends, in 2007, we moved to their Lone Wolf Ranch in Texas, launching a national and even global ministry through them.



Cherished Times: The Bullfrog and the Make-A-Wish Mission

Tracy and my most cherished memories were the simple ones on the ranch that showed the amazing people THEY are. Believe it or not, I only worked out with Carlos once... and that was enough for me to realize I am no "Total Gym Master" and Walker, Texas Ranger! From then on, I made sure to use the ranch gym when no one was watching!

One twilight, when we were living on the ranch in a small but awesome cabin, Carlos and Gena were hanging out with us in our backyard—the ranch. Carlos spotted what he thought was a "huge snake" in a hole trying to get out. He was HUGE! (The snake, not Carlos!). Carlos said, "I'm going to get my gun!" He jetted off on his "Walker, Texas Ranger" mini-jeep up to his main ranch and came back flying a few minutes later. He had a HUGE gun—I think it was his .44 Magnum.

He stepped out of the jeep like *Lone Wolf McQuade* (which was his favorite movie and the personification of who he really was), pulled out his gun as the snake started to peek again, when we all noticed: "It was a giant bullfrog!" We all started laughing. Carlos thought for a moment, put down his gun and decided not to shoot him. That goes down as the time "Chuck Norris had mercy on a frog."

Again, it was simple and fun times like that on the ranch that are Tracy and my most cherished, not any huge trips with notoriety (though it was pretty cool one time hanging out with former President George H.W. and Barbara Bush in his private library—I spilled wine on him—no joke! How embarrassing! Or another time I was speaking to his son, former President George W.

Bush at his book signing. He lit up when he found out I was the Norris's Chaplain—and so did his secret service! I thought I was going to be shot! Stories for another time!)

Let me tell you one more special time that stands out on the ranch...what I call, "A Heart for the Hurting: Nick's Wish." We were once filming a short personal video for a "Make-A-Wish" child who was dying but was a ginormous fan of Chuck Norris. His name was Nick. We went around the ranch and filmed the cows, horses, and the beautiful scenery just for him. At one point, Dakota and Danilee ran up with a "Chuck Norris Fact" shirt we were going to give to Nick—the [result of that family love and compassion can be seen in this couple-minute fun video here](#) (you won't want to miss it!). That moment and video so captures the hearts and fun of the Norris family.



Honors in the Spotlight: Wilma and Ambassador Huckabee

Another epic moment for us was when Tracy and I had the privilege of assisting Carlos's 90-year-old mother, Wilma, to the [Huckabee show](#). (As most know, Huckabee is now our Ambassador to Israel.) Tracy and I were standing to the side while he interviewed Wilma about her [new autobiography](#) that we wrote together, having an absolute ball! Her five-minute interview is priceless. Please watch it [here](#).

I'll never forget: While in Manhattan for that trip, Wilma, Tracy, and I were in a Starbucks. The barista asked me, "Taking your grandmother out for the day?" I looked at Wilma and said, "Can I tell him?" She smiled and nodded yes. I then said, "This 5'1" 90-year-old is actually Chuck Norris's mom!" He smiled and said, "**REALLY??? Who's his father... Zeus??**" We all laughed until we cried!

So, I have a confession to make: Carlos told us (in no uncertain terms) before we left, whatever we did with her over those few days in New York, not to take his mother on one of those “crazy Manhattan adult-trikes”! I forgot about his words until when we were there, and in Central Park, and Wilma said, “Let’s get a tour together of the Park on one of those big bikes!” What was I supposed to do?? Say “No” to Chuck Norris’s mom??! Sorry, Carlos! At least, she can tell you now in Heaven it was her idea!!



Burden Bearing: A Friendship Tested by Fire

Life, ministry and our fight for God and country went a mile-a-minute with countless memories I’ll always cherish, until it all came crashing down.

In 2012, Tracy suffered a [massive mental breakdown](#) because of her bipolarity and PTSD from abuse growing up and our insufficient treatments for them. She was in the mental hospital in Houston for two weeks, where doctors advised us to return her to the "slower pace" of life back in the Northern California woods where we raised our kids.

I immediately wrote the Norrises about her devastating medical condition and they said, without missing a beat, as close friends have discovered over and over from their steadfast love: "We've got your back! Go help your wife heal, and we'll see where God leads down the road..." That support helped us through the toughest crisis of our lives from Tracy's Oregon recovery to California resettlement. It's this type of love that was so characteristic of the Norrises—what we saw countless times with others, and made all the difference in our friendship—a mutual burden-bearing, us for them and them for us, as it should be ([Galatians 6:2](#)).

While launching a new Church and renovating a 75-year-old dilapidated theatre building back in Northern California (from which I retired 10 years later in 2024), I continued to assist the Norrises part-time in their research of weekly columns and the launch of their nutritious and delicious foods and supplements at www.RoundHouseProvisions.com and www.LoneWolfRanchPets.com. Check them out for you and your dogs!

Last year, in 2025, we followed God's calling again as we launched www.CrossFireUSA.org, a 501(C)(3) non-profit educational mission that is dedicated to improving America's spiritual and moral condition by providing free scholarly resources, restoring Christian heritage at national landmarks, and advocating for a return to the religious and moral principles of the nation's founders through cultural influence and educational outreach. On this day, I'm proud to say we just tipped over 50,000 visitors to [our website](#) that we've helped in less than a year. I think I might have got a little website nudge this week from Carlos in Heaven—Thank you, sir!



Legendary Love: Carlos and Gena

Carlos's love for Gena was the most profound thing about him. His passion and dependence for her grew more intense as each year passed. I listened to Carlos share the story over and over how he "bit the Hollywood lifestyle" until Gena came into his life, and his mother's prayers were answered, by him returning to his Christian faith. It was Gena who would sit with Carlos and read the Bible aloud until he finally said, *"Let me read it to you."* She wasn't just his wife; she was his spiritual advisor and general.

Carlos and Gena truly lived by a code—their core values: Faith, Family, Fitness, Fight, and Freedom. While he was a world-class athlete and actor, their Christian life was the true heartbeat of everything we did.

Carlos often shared the story of how his life was forever altered when he "went forward" to recommit his life to Jesus Christ at a Billy Graham Crusade and recommitted his life when he married Gena. Together, they lived out a passionate, conservative Christian faith that stood as a lighthouse in a culture that has largely lost its way.

Carlos described Gena as his "North Star." He once said to me, *"I would give up every martial art belt, trophy and movie just to ensure Gena was happy. She's done everything for me."* Gena is the hidden Giant Soul of the family. It manifests in their enterprises, including her being the CEO of [C-Force Water](#). Virtually nothing over the last 25 years has happened without her visionary leadership and compassionate backing.



A Father's Greatest Wish & Reward: The Norris Children

To Carlos, faith and family were everything. He repeated to me over and over his deep love for **ALL his kids**—his sons **Mike and Eric** from his first marriage, his daughters **Dina, Kelly and son Tim**, and the twins, **Dakota and Danilee**. Their tributes show the man he truly was. As [People](#) magazine and they explained on their social media in a way no one else can:

Dakota Norris [wrote](#):

"Dad, it's hard to find the right words for this, but I'll do my best. You've been the man I looked up to my whole life. Your generosity, your kindness, your courage, your integrity, your strength, your discipline, and your faith in the Lord were just a handful of things I always admired about you. You lived your life with purpose and with love for all people. You were the greatest father God could have ever given me and the finest man I've ever known. No matter what I was going through, you were always there. You made sure I knew how much you loved me. Honest to God, I don't think there was a single day that went by where you didn't say it. I'm so proud to be your son. The memories we made, the lessons you taught me, and the constant laughs we shared will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you for everything you gave to our family and for the example you set every day. I hope I can live a life that honors you and makes you proud. I love you, Dad. I'll miss you forever."

Danilee Norris [wrote](#):

"I don't think grief is a good enough word to describe the emotions my family and I are going through right now.. losing a parent is something that you are never prepared for. Before I take the much needed time for myself and my family, I wanted to dedicate this post to my sweet father and acknowledge the amazing man he is. My dad was my protector the moment I was born and as soon as he took me in his arms, I've been his little girl. That was something I would always acknowledge even when I was too big to be cradled properly. We made it work though just like one of the pictures above. My dad loved so deeply and cared for every single person in his life with so much tenderness. He may have a warrior exterior, but his heart was so full of love and I'm so grateful that is something he and my mom passed down to me. To say how thankful I am for him being my dad is an understatement. He has been my safe person these past 24 years and I am constantly filled with gratitude for how much wisdom and love he has bestowed me and my brother. I will forever carry on his legacy and shower others in that compassion that he so frequently showed. There is so much I want to say with 24 years worth of memories I could write about, but I will go ahead and at least say this – I could not have asked the Lord for a more amazing father. I thank You, Lord, for blessing me with a father who took every opportunity to show me that he wanted to give us a good life. And thank you, Dad, for supporting me in all my passions and for pushing me to not shy away from the impossible. Thank you for your constant compassion and for loving me so much that it's made me learn to love myself. I promise I will always and forever try to make you proud even if you already reminded me every day that it was impossible not to. I love you forever. Love your little girl, Danilee."

Think about what they are saying about their father!! What father doesn't want to hear those things??!!? (And a special hug to Dakota's wife, **Ashleigh**, and Danilee's fiancé, **Garrett**—how blessed is this family to have you at a time like this!)

Carlos knew, and knows now more than ever, Tracy and I will always be here for Gena or the kids, if they ever need anything, unconditionally as it's always been.



What Now Can I Say?

As I say "So long for now" to Carlos, my heart is busting and full of gratitude for the last twenty years. My sentiments here are echoed to Gena, too, as they were truly one.

"Thank you, Carlos...

1. **For not firing or roundhouse kicking me** when I poked fun at your cardio on that first forest jog!
2. **For Gena's discernment**, which changed the trajectory of my life and ministry.
3. **For [taking me to Iraq](#)** to serve our troops.
4. **For the "weird" call in 2007** that moved us to the Lone Wolf Ranch and launched a national ministry.
5. **For trusting me** as your "research hound" for our [WND columns](#), your books and so much more.
6. **For the honor (and fun) of co-writing [three books with you](#)**, 2000+ columns, especially the [autobiography with your mother](#), highlighting you and sharing the stories of your amazing brothers Aaron and Wieland.
7. **For the 1000 experiences and laughs from California to Texas to Iraq** and for the ones while we worked on the *Official Fact Book*. What's better than sharing "Chuck Norris Facts" with Chuck Norris? I'll never forget how you blushed over many.
8. **For the mercy you showed that bullfrog, which showed me I had a chance to live!**
9. **For the hospitality of the ranch and countless other moments**, making Tracy and me feel like family.

10. **For letting me research [America's Christian heritage](#)** to help wake up the nation and ultimately launching www.CrossFireUSA.org.
11. **For the mission of [Kickstart Kids](#)**, which showed me yours (and Gena's) humble compassionate love for future generations.
12. **For choosing me as your pastor and chaplain:** While most people would have gloated (and started a "self-tour") while being your co-author and researcher, all I ever felt was an overwhelming, humble honor for allowing me to serve you and your family.
13. **For showing me a "Warrior-Servant" in real life** during personal trials.
14. **For being a man of your word**, a rare commodity in today's world.
15. **For just being "Carlos" to my "Todd."**

Through the highs of Iraq and the lows of our personal health battles, Carlos (and Gena) were far more than my bosses and collaborators; they were model leaders, friends and spiritual family, who demonstrated what it meant to walk the talk. I'm forever changed because of the journey with them. They could have lived for decades selfishly on Kauai, but they never quit using their celebrity to help others improve their lives. And I know Gena and the kids won't stop. How commendable!

As the world looks back at the staggering impact of his life, I truly believe that if anyone is deserving posthumously of the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**—our nation's highest civilian award—it is Carlos Ray Norris. My great friend and head of their security for decades, Larry, has believed that for a long time. It wouldn't just be for the legendary films or the martial arts prowess that made him a household name; it would be for the decades of tireless service to our veterans, his unwavering commitment to our youth, and his relentless pursuit of restoring the values of our Founders and everyone's personal health. He didn't just play a hero on screen; he lived a life of heroic devotion to God and Country. If you believe the same, please take a moment to write the White House today [here](#).



The Final Reunion: A Hero's Welcome

One thing I've repeatedly thought: I don't think it's a coincidence that Carlos went home to Heaven so close to Easter. It reminds me of my favorite entry in his "[Chuck Norris Fact Book](#)," the last one--#101. Carlos commented on this the "best" of all Chuck Norris jokes: "*Chuck Norris's tears could cure cancer. It's just too bad he's never cried!*"

Here's what Carlos wrote about it:

The truth is that if my tears could cure cancer, I would cry a million of them. Of course, that is only wishful thinking. But I do know of a substance that can cure the soul.

My mom, Wilma Norris Knight, raised my brothers — Wieland and Aaron — and me in the Christian faith. We didn't just attend church and Sunday school (which she taught, by the way); she also read to us from the Bible, prayed with us and modeled a life of love. Nothing was forced down our throats; it was just lived out in front of us every day. I am who I am today because of my mom's influence. (Please read her autobiography, "Acts of Kindness: My Story.")

I was 12 when I accepted Christ as my personal Lord and savior and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church, where our family attended. As a young man, I recommitted my life to Christ at a Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles.

I've maintained my faith throughout my martial arts, movie and television careers, but as I shared earlier in my book, there was also a time when I lost my way. As resilient as I thought I was, I swallowed the hook of the Hollywood lifestyle.

Mom continued to pray for me throughout those years, and I'm convinced that's how and why God brought my wife, Gena, into my life. She is a beacon of God's light and love, just as my mom is. Gena brought me back to my childhood faith — in which compromise was unbecoming, transparency was a virtue, humility was required and belief was daily practiced.

On Easter Sunday in 2009, I experienced another highlight in my spiritual life. I recommitted my life to Christ yet again, but this time, I did so with my household. Gena, our 8-year-old twins and I all recommitted our lives to Christ and were baptized together by our chaplain. What an absolute joy it was to watch my loved ones go into those sacred waters and to hear them affirm their belief and recommitment to follow Jesus.

Watching them, I thought about the place in the Bible where the Apostle Paul and his friend Silas were miraculously freed from a jail cell. The jailer was so moved by the event that he asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household." Then the jailer and all his family were baptized.

As the chaplain eased me back and fully immersed me in the water, I thought about all I had been through in my life and all I still wanted my life to be. I felt renewed, refreshed and cleansed with the water that is a symbol of Christ's forgiving blood. As I came up with water flowing off my head and body, I prayed as my mom has prayed every day of her life: "For your glory, Lord. For your glory!"

My good friend and prolific author [Randy Alcorn](#) said it best when he wrote: "Hope is the light at the end of life's tunnel. It not only makes the tunnel endurable, it fills the heart with anticipation of the world into which we will one day emerge. Not just a better world, but a new and perfect world. A world alive, fresh, beautiful, devoid of pain and suffering and war, a world without disease, without accident, without tragedy. A world without dictators and madmen. A world ruled by the only one worthy of ruling."

Carlos is finally home, standing before the King of Kings in the ultimate victory of his Savior, who fought the universe's MMA spiritual fight when he fought and died for our sins and slayed the dark spiritual forces for all of us who believe it, including Carlos Ray Norris ([Col. 2:13-15](#)).

One thing I know he would want me to share even now. They are his words from his interview with [New Man magazine](#). He said:

"Real men do live for Christ. It is important to make your peace with Christ while the opportunity exists. Life is so fragile that you never know when it's going to be over. It could be over in the blink of an eye, and then it's too late to accept God's gift of salvation."

How sobering but true are his words!

Because of Carlos's belief and trust in Jesus, he claimed God's promise in **John 11:25-26**: *"Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.'"*

Jesus then asked the ultimate, heart-piercing question to those still living: **"Do you believe this?"**

Carlos said, **"I DO."** Gena said, **"I DO."** Dakota and Danilee say, **"I DO." I DO, too!**

DO YOU??

If you are ready to secure your "seat" in Heaven with Carlos, Wilma, Wieland and all those who have gone before us, I encourage you to follow these four simple steps by Billy Graham, just as Carlos did, [here](#) at [Steps to Peace](#).

Carlos' brother and his then best friend, Wieland, went home to be with the Lord on June 3, 1970, having sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War. Carlos's mom, Wilma, went home to Heaven in December 2024 at 103-years old. Tracy and I still miss her—she gave us countless and cherished moments too, including [this one](#) when I interviewed her about her own book (Tracy was behind the camera!).

I have a touching vision of Carlos' reunion in Heaven....

I simply see him walking through those Pearly Gates to find his mother and brother Wieland waiting with open arms. I see our Heavenly Father (and Jesus) looking at Carlos and saying, according to **Matthew 25:21**: *"Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."*

And then I see Wilma saying, "Now, boys, I'm moving a lot better and faster these days so let's go take a long walk and talk on the [streets of gold](#)!" ☺



A Closing Prayer for the Norrises and Our Wayward World

Will you join me in praying for the family, the Norris enterprises and our world:

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life of **Carlos Ray Norris**—a man who used his hands to fight for peace and his voice to speak Your truth. We praise You for the way he has modeled the strength of a warrior paired with the heart of a servant.*

We thank You for his discipline: For the years of tireless training and the mastery of his craft. Thank You for showing us, through him, that true power is found in self-control, and that the greatest victories are won through perseverance and a steadfast spirit.

We thank You for his service to others: For his lifelong commitment to our veterans. We thank You for his heart for the next generation—specifically through programs like Kickstart Kids—using martial arts to teach children the values of honesty, respect, and resilience.

We thank You for his boldness: In a world that often pressures us to remain silent, we thank You for Chuck's courage to stand firm in his convictions: to write about Truth, justice and the American way for the whole world to read through his books and columns. Thank You for the way he uses his platform to point others toward Your love and grace, reminding us that no matter how "tough" we may be, we are all in need of You.

Finally, Father, we thank You for the joy he brings: For the legacy of his work and the unique way he has captured the imagination of the world. Even in death, may he continue to be a light, reflecting Your peace and Your purpose in everything he did.

For Gena: Lord, wrap her in Your supernatural peace. She has been the rock of this family; now, be the Rock beneath her feet ([Psalm 18:2](#)). Be “the defender of the widow” ([Psalm 68:5](#)). Give her strength for the days ahead and a clear vision for the legacy she continues to lead.

Grant her restorative rest for her spirit, pouring Your healing balm over every area of her life. As she has stood as a pillar of grace for others, let her now experience the profound tenderness of Your embrace.

Surround her with a community of love that reflects the same unwavering devotion she has shown her husband and family. May her heart be encouraged and her path made straight, knowing that her light continues to shine as a beautiful testament to Your enduring faithfulness.

For Dakota (Ashleigh), Danilee (Garrett), Mike, Eric, Dina, Kelly and Tim: We pray for a special comfort, as only You, “the father of the fatherless” ([Psalm 68:5](#)), can provide. Protect them as they carry the Norris name. May the integrity of their father be the compass of their lives.

Specifically for Dakota (and Ashleigh) and Danilee (and Garrett), who stand in the strength of their mid-twenties: we ask for a double portion of Your guidance. They carry a lifetime of their father’s image, mission, and love within them; let that fire burn brightly as they spread his values into a new generation. Grant them the wisdom to honor the past while boldly forging their own unique paths under Your watchful eye. Help Dakota to walk in “his own boots,” especially when overwhelmed that his father’s boots are simply far too big to fill!

Lord, we lift up a special blessing for the preparation and ceremony of Danilee’s wedding at the end of the year. As she prepares to join her life with Garrett, we ask that Your presence be felt in every detail. On that sacred day, as she walks down the aisle, let her feel the profound peace of knowing she is never alone. Let her sense her Heavenly Father’s presence walking beside her, joined by her early father’s spirit, guiding her steps toward her future. May that walk be a testament to a love that never ends and a legacy that is simply beginning a new chapter and a new Norris generation.

For the Kickstart Kids Foundation and the C-Force team: Grant them wisdom and strength to continue the mission Carlos started. May the work of character-building in our youth grow ten-fold in his honor.

For our Leaders and the World: Lord, we look at a world steeped in war, conflict, and division. We pray for leaders across the globe to find the [peace that Carlos found in You](#) ([Romans 5:1](#)). We pray for the restoration of the God of our Founders—the God of Judeo-Christianity. Let the legacy of this warrior inspire a new generation to [find peace in You](#) as well through the life Your Son, Jesus, who came to give all 2000 years ago.

We ask all this in the **Mighty Name of Jesus Christ**, the One whom Carlos, his family, and I will always call Lord and Savior. **AMEN!**



Free Resources for Your Journey

As we reflect on Carlos's legacy, please explore these resources that anchored his soul. Also, see my "Top Norris Videos" below in this week's edition of the **CrossFire Courier**.

For those who doubt or want more evidence for faith (or more insider stories), please read:

- **An online version of the Bible in every language (including audio):** Read or listen [here](#) (I recommend starting to read about Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.)
- **"The Case for Christ" (Free E-book):** [Read here](#)
- **"Heaven" by the Norris's dear friend Randy Alcorn:** [Read here](#)
- Carlos' and my books about the restoration of our country, "[Black Belt Patriotism](#)," his "[101 Fun Facts & Personal Stories](#)," and the [faith and life of his beloved mother](#).

I'll leave you with this "Chuck Norris Fact": **"The pearly gates didn't open for Chuck; they stood aside."**

See you later, Carlos! Now we're counting on your prayers since you're a lot closer to the Throne than we are!

Enjoy your rest, God and family until we see you again! ([Revelation 21:4](#))

I love you, friend! **THANKS** for the adventure!

All my love, admiration and gratitude, forever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd".

Chaplain Todd DuBord

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