



## Billie A Norris

June 4, 2008

Billie "A" Norris, MGySgt, USMCR Ret Murrells Inlet SC - Billie "A" Norris, 85, formerly of Durham NC, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Grand Strand Health Care of Myrtle Beach. He was born on October 10, 1922 in Jamaica, Illinois to the late James Wesley and Edith Owens Norris. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years, Nancy Ferguson Norris, in 2004, and his brother, Wesley "Dub" Norris. He proudly served with distinction in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1952, encompassing tours of duty in World War II Solomon Islands and Korea Inchon, where he was awarded the Navy Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Medal. He continued his life-long love of the Marines with service in the Marine Corps Reserves from 1952 until his retirement in 1982 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant, having served with the 41st Rifle Company of Durham and the 4th Force Service Regiment of Raleigh. He was a 1952 graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Physical Education. He was an excellent athlete and for many years he was a coach, referee, and participant of local football, baseball, and basketball games. He retired from the American Tobacco Company in 1985 after 33 years of service. After his retirement, he enjoyed fishing and traveling and spending time with friends, family, and fellow Marines. Surviving are his children, Carol Vaughn of Murrells Inlet SC, Rudy Norris of Durham NC, and Wayne Norris of Myrtle Beach SC; grandchildren Marc Hawley, Casey Norris, Erin Timberlake, Lydia Norris, and HollyAnn

Norris; brother, Jim Norris and wife Annie of Lakeland, Florida, and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel.