



Phillip Edward Norvell

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Phillip Edward Norvell, 80, of Fayetteville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 18th after a brief illness. The youngest child of Murvin Cecil and Bernice Norvell, Phillip was born in Oklahoma City, OK on October 28th, 1944. He graduated from Southeast High School in 1962 and attended the University of Oklahoma. After serving his country during the Vietnam War, he attended the University of Oklahoma School of Law. In 1975, Phillip joined the faculty of the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he educated generations of Arkansas lawyers in Property, Oil and Gas, and Natural Resources law. He loved teaching, which he continued to do until his retirement as Professor in 2018 and as adjunct Professor Emeritus in 2023. While he is remembered fondly for his work as an inspiring legal educator, Phillip maintained a number of interests and hobbies, including tending to his garden, walking in the vicinity of his home on Mount Sequoyah, and supporting the Arkansas Razorbacks at football and baseball games. He was a prodigious reader and loved to travel, making regular trips to the United Kingdom, France, and Russia. Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers James E. Norvell, Mike Bolding, William R. Norvell, Robert C. Norvell, Cecil M. Norvell, his sisters Beverly Marie Norvell, Jeanne Turnpaugh, Louise Bennett, and Dorothy Basden, and by his nephew Todd Hutchings. Phillip is survived by his son, Matthew Norvell (Ping Chen), of Plano, TX, his daughter Sarah Norvell (Maks Adach) of New York, NY, and his grandsons Ethan and Nolan Norvell.

His funeral will be held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 26th.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the University of Arkansas School of Law in memory of Professor Norvell.



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Condolences may be given online at www.mooresfuneralchapel.com




Events


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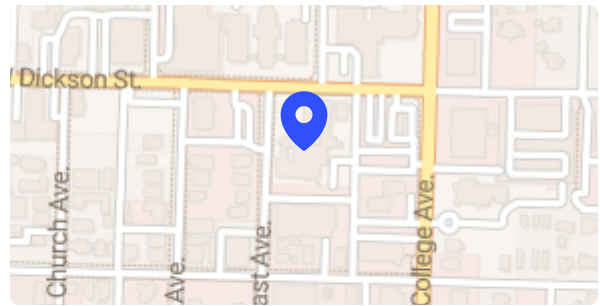
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Funeral Service

 **Friday**, September 26, 2025

 11:00 AM CT

 **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
224 N East Ave, Fayetteville AR 72701





Tribute Wall

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Etta Odaniel posted:

Phillip and my mother, Norma Pearl Baker were cousin. His mom, Granny to us all and my mother's father JD Baker were siblings. My mother and Phillip spent many hours keeping up with the Baker Family "doings" right up until my mother's death in 2002. Imagene, Dot, Bernice, Mike, Phillip my mom and her brother JW spent their youth growing up together. I am sure they are all telling tales of the years past in heaven. God bless, Etta Faye O'Daniel (Tucker-Baker).
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October 11 at 1:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Norvell family.



September 24 at 10:09 AM



Cecilia Seay posted:

I was a student, friend, and neighbor of Phillip's. I lived close to him on Mt. Sequoyah while in law school and enjoyed visiting with him thru the years. His son Matt had a golden retriever named Host that escaped on a regular basis. Although I had not seen Phil in many years I liked knowing he was in this world. He was by far my favorite professor.

September 22 at 9:11 AM



Lori Bennett lit a candle in honor of Phillip.

He was absolutely my favorite law professor during my three years in law school 1987-90. He held us to high standards, and he really explained concepts well. I always looked forward to his class. I was never bored in his class. Rest in peace Professor. Lori Meyer Bennett



September 21 at 9:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phillip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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