Emmett A. Norris was born on March 24, 1953 in Eureka, California to Elwyn and Phyllis Norris. Emmett entered into eternity on April 22, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. In May of 2010, Emmett graduated with honors from the Respiratory Care Practitioner program at Butte College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He was employed by Oroville Hospital in the Cardiopulmonary department and was an employee of the hospital for 17 years. As a young boy, he worked with his parents and sister, Darlyn, at the family store in Eureka, Norris Market. Prior to moving to Oroville, Emmett was a volunteer fireman for the City of St. Helena where he received the Engineer of the Year award. His other careers included viticulture and farming, specifically loving peaches, and as an auto mechanic. He particularly had a love for classic cars and rebuilt many Chevy’s and two Volkswagens with his two boys, Eric and Pete, from the ground up. These cars became their first drivers. He is also an Air Force Veteran having volunteered during the Vietnam involvement from which he was honorably discharged. He met his wife, Karen, in Redding, California. Emmett will be sorely missed and remembered for his integrity, kind heart, quiet strength, humor, love for his family and passion for Christ.

Emmett is survived by his adoring wife of 21 years, Karen, his mother, Phyllis Norris of Redding, his sister Darlyn Farned of Redding, his sons Peter Norris of Redding, and Eric Norris of Santa Rosa, 5 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father, Elwyn Norris.

Visitation will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Celebration of his life will be held at the Oroville Church of the Nazarene on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 11:30 am with a meal following the service. There will be no graveside service. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Oroville Church of the Nazarene or to the Hope Center. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

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