



Robert (Terry) T. Thompson

August 4, 1938 - June 20, 2020

Robert T. (Terry) Thompson, beloved father, grandfather, brother, mentor and friend to many, passed away on June 20th, 2020 after a brief illness.

Terry was born on August 4, 1938 in Baton Rouge, LA to George and Murlyne Thompson. He grew up in Jackson, MS as the oldest of six children and attended St. Joseph's High School. He met the love of his life, Frances Kitchens, on a double date where she was his best friend's date. The next night, Terry and Frances went out on a date together and were inseparable from then on. They were together for 61 years until Frances passed away in December of 2019.

Terry's career took him from working on the railroad as a telegraph operator to a long career in sales in the lumber industry. Terry was a scholar with a lifelong love of learning and research. He graduated from the University of Memphis at the age of 55, after making sure that his children finished college first. He was an accomplished photographer, a published writer, and a researcher. He enjoyed music and poetry, and especially loved the works of Shakespeare. He delighted in his participation in the Shakespeare Readers group in Memphis, and also devoted many volunteer hours to the Memphis Public Library system.

Terry leaves three daughters, Erin Thompson Weglicki (John), Terri Thompson Schoonover (Bill), Lynn Thompson Rainey (Patrick), and one son, Robert T. Thompson Jr. He also leaves 6 grandchildren, Taylor Weglicki (Brittany Barbee), Morgan Thompson, Matt Weglicki, Wilson Adams (Katherine), Melanie Adams and Catt Weglicki, all of whom were very close to him, and 3 great grandchildren, Olivia Spindle, Kitch Weglicki and Ruthie Adams. He was so proud of each and every one of them. In addition, he also leaves his brothers, Curt Thompson and Sean Thompson (Janet), his sister Melanie Coleman (Richard), his sisters-in-law Sandra Thompson and Marvel Thompson, and a host of nieces and nephews who love him.

We learned many lessons from our Dad (and lots of silly jokes), but the most valuable was

how to be of service to those you love. He took care of our mom throughout her illness, and when she passed away, he was lost without her. Although we miss him terribly, we rejoice in imagining them reunited.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made in Terry's name to the Church Health Center in Memphis, TN.

"Now cracks a noble heart. Good night sweet prince; And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"

Comments



“ I was stunned to hear the news, there will always be a hole in my heart. My sincerest condolences to Terry's family. He was so proud of his children and grandchildren.

Dawnn Blalock - July 07, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ This is just so hard for me to believe!! He is finally with his wife!!! The two of them were always so nice to me!! RIP, Mr. Thompson!! 

Pia Thornton - June 26, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert (Terry) T. Thompson.



June 23, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ I remember Terry and his wife when they was living at Town Villege. I remember him showing me photos he took. He will be miss and with his love of his life again. Prayers goes to the family and friends

Latshia Jeans - June 22, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Terry was a true gentleman and I was so grateful to call him a friend. Rest in peace.

Oneata Windler - June 22, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Terry helped so many of us in recovery. He regaled us with his stories and wisdom. He is responsible for helping so many of us in recovery stay sober one day at a time. I sold him that house on Peg Lane. I think I may have left money on the table. He was a smart guy. May he Rest In Peace and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

Jack Richbourg - June 22, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ This man was humble and honest about who he was. He helped me numerous times and I'm ashamed I didn't know he was sick. He's a beautiful man

Tim - June 22, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Terry was a true treasure. I only knew him for the last 14 years, but my life is so much richer because of him. He was, (for lack of a better word) a teacher to me. He taught through example. He taught me how to love your partner through Frances, how to parent a family through countless stories of the achievements of children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, and he taught me how to be of service to those around me. Yes indeed I am a better human being today because of his shining example. I will miss him but his stories, his lessons and his example will live forever in a treasured corner of life. Rest In Peace with your Dear Frances.

Barbara Hope - June 22, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ Terry was a big-hearted, loving gentleman with an endless appetite for life. I am thankful I was able to touch base with him again recently.

Gary Meece - June 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ I knew Terry through Shakespeare Readers. He always made our meetings more fun and meaningful because he was such an good humored and interesting guy. I loved his stories about his work, his writing and photography, and especially his grandchildren.

He embraced life, but was not afraid to leave it. Shortly after Frances died, Terry showed us the place in Rhode Island where he and Frances would "meet again forever." I will sorely, sorely miss this fine man..

Judy Stephenson

Judy Stephenson - June 22, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Terry was instrumental in saving my life. He always took my call. With wit and wisdom, he played the long game and won. Proud of you, Terry!

Christopher Donovan - June 23, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Terry's family. I saw him often when I worked at the library, and I don't think he ever passed through without sharing some good news about his kids and grandchildren. He loved you all so!

Sarah - June 23, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ I would like to thank all of you for the kind words during the loss of my uncle Terry Thompson. Keep all of the Thompson's in your prayers. Thanks again. Love, Johnathan Thompson.

Johnathan Thompson - July 02, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ TT made the program.. love you TT.. Mickey Keep

Mickey Keep - July 07, 2020 at 08:21 AM