



Terry David Williamson

November 26, 1947 - December 20, 2020

Terry David Williamson, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020 from recent complications of renal disease and diabetes. He was 73 years old. Terry was born November 26, 1947 to the late W.D. and Ruby Bernice Boyette Williamson of Bolivar, TN. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Gary Wayne Williamson. Terry was well known in Memphis as an astute instructor and practitioner in blood banking. He attended Lambeth College, Union University, and Jackson-Madison County Hospital and became an accredited and licensed medical laboratory scientist with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He also acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Mr. William acquired a specialty degree in blood banking from the American Association of Blood Banks in the 80's and taught blood banking as an associate professor at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences for many years. He had been employed at Methodist Hospital and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Collierville as a career blood banker. He was retired at the time of his death.

Terry was an avid supporter and performer at Opera Memphis. His singing career began at UTM and he appeared in many theater productions and operas in Memphis. Terry once auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera and often attended the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

After retirement, Terry was active in the inspection of hospital blood banks all over the United States and Canada. Terry particularly enjoyed wine tastings and cooking, as well as his appreciation of classical music, opera, and the arts. Terry was a collector of numerous friends in Memphis and all across the United States.

Terry was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis and sang in the choir for many years. To know Terry was to know joy, as his temperament and wit was exceedingly entertaining at dinner parties and all gatherings.

Terry is survived by cousins around Bolivar, TN, including; Kay Zawacki, Martha Ann

Shelby, Michael "Mike" Wayne Bryant, Harold David Bryant, and Sandra Faye Stamey.

Comments



“ Terry joined me regularly for blood bank inspections. Our last one was in New Hampshire where we had a fabulous dinner at the Mount Washington Hotel. I will truly miss him.

Dr Katherine Waters - December 27, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ I met Terry in New York at the Metropolitan Opera National Patron Weekend over two years. We had an immediate connection and planned several events together that sadly will not now happen. So I did not know him very long or very well but I thought he was one of the most interesting people I ever met. He knew an enormous amount about the opera. He was very energetic and enthusiastic with a generous open spirit, and great fun to be with, and I miss him a great deal.
I would like to send my condolences to his friends and family who will miss him even more than I do.
He was special and we need more people like him.
Lita Weinrib

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