



William Terry Martin

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William Terry Martin fought a courageous battle with cancer and went to be with our Lord and Saviour on Tuesday morning, June 1, 2010. Terry was an incredible man of integrity who was honest and dependable. He was a loving husband, great dad and doting Pap-Paw. A Christian man of few words. He loved the outdoors - fishing was his joy. He enjoyed hunting and simply loved his adopted yellow lab, Buddy, who followed him everywhere.

Terry was born January 15, 1944 in Karnack, TX. Son of the late TA and Ira Martin. Terry grew up in Hallsville, TX and attended Hallsville schools where he graduated in 1962. He attended Kilgore College before attending The University of Texas at Arlington and earning a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Terry married Dianna Callahan on January 22, 1966. They lived in Arlington, TX then moved back to East Texas where he worked for Le Tourneau, Inc. until he retired three years ago. He enjoyed his retirement from Le Tourneau, Inc. after a 38 year career in electrical engineering.

Terry and Dianna built a home in the Gum Springs community in 1971 where they raised three beautiful daughters: Michelle, Amy and Nicole. Terry became a Mason in December, 1975 and was a member of James F. Taylor Lodge #169. He was also recognized as a Waco Scottish Rite 33rd degree Mason and actively worked in many of the degrees. He was also a York Rite Mason in the Longview lodge.

Terry became ill, suddenly, without warning in February 2010. His ride was like a roller coaster with lots of ups and downs. He was a warrior and kept fighting until the very end. He leaves behind his wife Dianna of 44 years and three daughters and their spouses: Michelle Herring of Longview, Amy Deane-Bird and her husband Michael of Yorba Linda, CA, and Nicole Roland and her husband Donnie of Frisco, TX. He also had many grandchildren: Breanna and Meryl Herring of Longview, Kayla and Sarah Deane of Yorba Linda, CA and Carly Treadway, Isaac, William Terry's namesake and Reagan Roland of Frisco, TX along with three step grandchildren: Chad and wife Lauren of CO, Kristal and Renee of Yorba Linda, CA. He is also survived by a brother



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and sister in law, Farley and Jeanie Martin, of Southwest City, MO, a sister and brother in law, Jo Ann and W.C. Bill Fields , of Longview TX, and late sister and brother in law Verlie and Bob Armstrong. Special friends are: Charles and Lillian Etheredge, Dean McDowell, and Janet Wolfe and the late Roger Wolfe. He is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview at 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 3. Family visitation will be at Rader Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Masonic graveside service will be held at the Gum Springs Cemetery immediately following funeral services. Pallbearers will be brothers from the James F. Taylor Lodge, #169.

Special appreciation and thanks to Beacon Hospice, Dr. Margaret Schottstaedt, Cynthia R.N., and staff; Dr. Rodney Slone and nurse Sidney of Internal Medical Assoc.; Dr. Koya and nurse Teresa at Texas Oncology; and Dr. Matt Holcomb, surgeon.

It is finished; the battle is over!

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



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Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss but relieved for you the battle is over. We love you and I will always remember Terry as quite the gentleman. He was so kind as to pick one of your beautiful yard flowers for me the first time Martin took me to visit you two.##imported-begin##Martin & Lynda Callahan##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Martin and family, I grieve with you today in our temporary loss of Mr. Terry Martin. I came to respect him greatly and looked up to him as a brother Mason and friend. I pray God's love will sustain until that glorious reunion day! Your friend,##imported-begin##Brad Roye##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear about Terry. I met him at the James F. Taylor lodge when he first got involved with the Masons.W.C. Fields, sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Andy Williams##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We see Terry as a joyful grandfather, eyes sparkling - qualities that will continue. Grateful to be part of such a loving family.##imported-begin##Liz & Greg Smith##imported-end##

June 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My parents and myself are so sorry to hear of your loss. We remember the Wesley Methodist days.##imported-begin##Faith Ann Blanton Pearson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Terry in our LeTourneau Mining Products Engineering department. I always kept a stash of Shout Wipes on hand for Terry because he would always come back from the assembly line looking like he had been rolling in dirt. Don't really know what he did down on the line but he always got dirty doing it!! He loved his family and always talked about them. We got to know them as well through Terry. May God give you His strength and comfort and a sense of His presence in the days to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Donna Richardson##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mr. Martin was in deed a man of few words, but he didn't hesitate to say something when warranted. I had the pleasure of growing up next door to the Martin's. I believe I got "corrected" many a time while playing with Amy. Do you remember the broken glass on the road down the hill, Amy? I think just the embarrassment of being caught has always stuck with me.LOL! He brought me home many a time in high school. You will be dearly missed!##imported-begin##Renee' Mize Martin##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Terry and Dianna are two very special people and have contributed grately to our lives. The bond Terry and I have will never be broken and I have learned so much from him. A freind, Brother and confidant that will be missed, but never forgotten. Thank God for blessing me with his friendship and leadership in so many ways.##imported-begin##Dean McDowell##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We know that fond memories will bring you much peace at this time! Please know we are praying for each of you and sorry for your loss.Tammy Kelsey Skinner and Family##imported-begin##Tammy Kelsey Skinner##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

What a wonderful description of a family man with a Christian heart. You are all in our thoughts. God Bless you all. Roger and Vivian Roland##imported-begin##Roger and Vivian Roland##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We little knew that morning exactly when God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone
For part of us went with you when God did call you home. You left us wonderful memories, Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, And nothing is the same,
But as calls us one by one, the Chain will link again.##imported-begin##Dianna C. Martin##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

No more pain! We love you dearly.##imported-begin##Donnie, Nicole, Carly, Isaac, Will and Reagan##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Terry Martin you will be dearly missed! You were an amazing man of few words, but when you spoke we all listened intently. Your Wife and Daughters are THE testimony to how you lived your life. Who you are will go on through them your Grandbabies, and all of us who knew you. We are all better people for having known you. We thank God always for sharing you with us, even if it was for far too short a time. We will see you again and when we do we know you will be on a fishing boat, surrounded by people and pets and there will be silent, shoulder lifting, laughter. We love you, John, Laura, Tim and Zac##imported-begin##John & Laura DePaola##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We will continue to pray with you as you continue this journey. God bless you. We are SOOOO sorry for your loss.all our love....##imported-begin##Todd and Cindy Fields##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you all tonight. Uncle Terry will be greatly missed. I will think of him whenever I make waffles. He served up the best! I love you guys, and I will see you all tomorrow night.##imported-begin##Corbi Martin Shurtleff##imported-end##

May 31 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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