



# Terry L. Burnett

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## **Terry L. Burnett**

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**T**erry L. Burnett was born in Cooper, Texas on October 5, 1946 and died in Dallas, Texas on July 11, 2010 at the age of 63. Terry attended Kemp Public Schools where he participated in all athletics, but excelled in track. He was the first athlete from Kemp to not only go to the state track meet, but to win first place in the high and low hurdles. He attended East Texas State University earning an athletic scholarship and continued to excel in track, setting university records in intermediate hurdles, high hurdles, and relay. He was inducted into the Texas A&M Commerce ETSU Athletic Hall of Fame on October 20, 2007.

Terry received his Bachelor's Degree from ETSU and his Master's Degree from Stephen F. Austin.

Terry was employed by LISD for many years and worked at Bruce Jr. High School in Gilmer, Texas. He was loved and admired by his students, friends and co-workers. He was a compassionate 7th grade science teacher who had a special gift in his ability to connect with and motivate students. In addition, he was employed by A-1 Driving School for many years.

Terry cherished his wife Ellen, two daughters Amanda and Tara, and his granddaughters Leah and Lauren. Terry shared a special bond with Lauren ? they were buddies, enjoying many adventures and hours of laughter.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Burnett. He is survived by his loving wife, Ellen; daughters Amanda Burnett; Tara Seeger and husband Gus; two granddaughters, Leah and Lauren Bird, special angels forever in his heart. Also surviving are mother, Clara Burnett; brother, Eddie Burnett and wife Sharon; sisters Mary Penn; Patti Sluder and husband Carroll; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening, July 13, at Radar Funeral Home in Longview, Texas from 5:30 ? 8:00 p.m., and a celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday



## Obituary

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July 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Radar Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Research Fund, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486; or Texas A&M Commerce Athletic Department, P.O. Box 3011, Commerce TX 75429; or charity of choice.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Burnett was a wonderful teacher at BJH and I will miss him very much. I am glad he was my teacher last year, he taught me many things.##imported-begin##Kylie Johnson##imported-end##

August 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was in the same grade with Terry while we were in high school. I remember him well.##imported-begin##Mary Collier Gibson##imported-end##

July 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I, like many, many others am very saddened to hear about the loss of Terry. To Eddie, Sharon, Patti, Clara, you are in my thoughts and prayers for days, weeks, months and years ahead, and to Terry's wife, children, grandchildren, I never had the privilege to meet you, I know how you love him, keep that love and all those memories alive. He will be forever loving and watching over you. God Bless you all. Love, Donna Whitehead ScottKemp High School, Class of 72##imported-begin##Donna Scott##imported-end##

July 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, I was so sorry to read about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Sherry Treadwell, Harleton Elem.##imported-begin##Sherry Treadwell##imported-end##

July 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I just want you to know what an Influence Mr. Burnett was on my son's life. Jonathan was in his class last year in Gilmer Jr. High and Jonathan loved it. Mr.Burnett encouraged him and showed him how much fun learning could be. Jonathan's love for science grew with leaps and bounds because of Mr. Burnett. Jonathan is devastated by your loss and your family is in our prayers. Thank you for Mr. Burnett he truly was gift from God. Thank you for sharing him with us.##imported-begin##April & Jonathan Morey##imported-end##

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, I'm keeping you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Andrews##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr Burnetts Family, I am Ashton Culberson. I was one of Mr. Burnetts students this past year. Mr. Burnett and I talked tractors all of the time. I learned alot about tractors this year. He has taught me more than I will ever know. I will miss us talking about tractors next year. You will greatly be missed. Love you Mr. Burnett.Love always, Ashton Culberson##imported-begin##Ashton Culberson##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will be missed.Special note - I have a newspaper clipping from the Kemp news about Terry's track record. I would love to send it to you. It is a very good article.You are in my thoughts & prayers.Virginia Whitaker SpeedClass of 1964903-489-1656##imported-begin##Virginia Whitaker Speed##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So very saddened. Those high school memories of you will never fade.##imported-begin##James & Elaine Tharp Collard##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I remember Coach Burnett at South Ward Elementary always having a friendly smile riding to school on his motorcycle. He still had that same smile years later when I worked with his daughter Tara at Fairmont and got a chance to know the family. I will keep the family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cynthia Marie Smith##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege of working with Terry the last two years. He was so polite and kind to every one. He was a very giving and thoughtful person that will be missed. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Donna Youngblood##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am saddened by the loss of this incredible heart for the love of education! His love for students and passion for teaching was evident each day. I am blessed that he was able to teach my daughter and impact her in the area of science! I will remember his smile and great sense of humor in all the meetings we sat through! May God bless his family and may you find strength in the One who can give you all that you need to make it through the days ahead!##imported-begin##Becky Cook##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, Just wanted you to know that i was thinking about you and your family as ya'll are going through this very hard time.I didn't know Terry but if you loved him i'm sure i would have to.My thoughts and prayers for you Ellen and his daughters, grandchildren and family. Cousin Jimmy##imported-begin##Jimmy Brotherton##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Terry was a co-worker of mine at BJH for several years. He was a polite, respectful, soft-spoken man and he loved his family. He will be greatly missed. We don't always know the reasons God does some things but we do know He knows best. Terry is at peace.##imported-begin##Lana Turner##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen i am so sorry for your loss... I know this is hard for you and your family... I only met Terry once but i have to say he had to be a wonderful man to be blessed with you as a wife... your truly a god sent woman you have been wonderful thank you for your hard work with my son ... you have touched my whole family and we are here for you call me and ill do anything for you and your family... once again im sorry the only thing that helps in this event is knowing he is with god and isnt hurting any longer... god love you and your family Liz,Jerry,Travis,Wesley,Chad,Nicole and Baby Chase##imported-begin##Liz Slayton##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I met Terry at the Paul Thorpe Health Spa a long time ago. I always liked Terry. Sorry for your loss. Terry was a good man and I know he filled your life with good memories!! Keep the memories alive!##imported-begin##Andy Williams##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, Our prayers are with you and your family. I know the Lord's angels will hold you in their arms through this very sad time. You will treasure your precious memories forever.##imported-begin##D'Wanna & Barry Finkel##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Ellen,I am saddened to hear of Terry's unexpected passing. You and Terry's daughters are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning.Terry was one of the most memorable teachers I have ever had the priviledge of knowing. He loved teaching and working with kids. Terry had a unique gift in his ability to bring out the best of each of his students. He had an easy way about him that people responded to.I am proud to have known Terry and will miss him. I know how much you meant to each other and how much you will miss him. Take care and let me know if I can help.Love you, Kim##imported-begin##Kim Hawes##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen,How sad and sorry I was to hear of your loss yesterday. I am not going to be able to come to visitation tonight, but wanted you to know that you are in my prayers. I did not know Terry, but had a picture of him in my mind listening to you share about him. I know that he must have been truly, truly special, and that God gave him you, his angel on earth, to love and support him. You are so loyal and devoted,that only one place could come close to caring for him like you did.... heaven....Love,Donna and Eli McFarland###imported-begin##Donna McFarland###imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Amanda,So so sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking about you and your family during this difficult time.Katie###imported-begin##Katie Post###imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Tara,Just know how much you are loved and that if you need anything; there are many people here for you. You and your family are being lifted up in prayer.We Love You,Staci and Ben Lofton###imported-begin##Staci Lofton###imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. Terry was a wonderful person.###imported-begin##Faye Taylor Gerbine###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Amanda, I was disappointed when Emily told me the news about your dad. I know this is a terrible loss for you, I am sorry.You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Marilyn Wilson###imported-begin##Marilyn Wilson###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Tara, Stacy, Patti, Granny and the rest of the Burnett family. I am so sorry for your sudden loss, prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. God Bless, Marianne##imported-begin##Marianne Southwick##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, We are sorry to hear this news, and please know that we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Beth Hales and children Annaliza and Patrick.##imported-begin##Beth Hales##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I've been blessed to know Terry since his induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Texas A&M University-Commerce. I missed seeing him at this year's festivities due to the passing of my father. I'm very fortunate for his friendship and his commitment to me and to our university.##imported-begin##Danny Kambel##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Prayers and thoughts are with you Ellen, girls and granddaughters. He spoke of "his girls" with such fondness and love. His inspiration as a teacher and coach will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Karol Roster##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, I am very sorry about your loss. He is still in your heart forever. I never met him but I know your love is very strong with him.. Bless yall.. I am sorry. Wayne Taliaferro##imported-begin##Wayne Taliaferro##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Leah and Lauren,I am so sorry that you have to lose someone so special in your life. I wish I could take your hurt away. I know he will be forever in your hearts.I love you both so very much!Aunt Tammy###imported-begin##Tammy Morgan###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen and family,During my evening walks I would usually see Terry working in his yard. He was surely blessed with a green thumb. I will miss those conversations. My condolences.###imported-begin##Jerry Harper###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen - I am very sorry for your loss, but please to know that Terry is much happier and more peace up in the Heaven. You will see him again up there. You are in my thought and prayer. Please to know that I am hugging you by heart right now, and will give you a real hug next month when I come to see you. I am glad I have met Terry, and he was such a nice man! Love you tons!###imported-begin##Justin Jones###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Amanda.I was shocked to see Terry's picture in the paper today. We shared many tough workouts together at the old body shop. Only Terry will know what Monday and Thursday @ 5pm meant - leg day. Terry will always be on my mind when I enter a gym. I know he loved you dearly.###imported-begin##Vince Fowler###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I was privileged to have been a student of Mr. Burnett. I always enjoyed the thought of the day on the board and it gave me a lot of wisdom to use in the future. He will be missed greatly by his students.###imported-begin##Caitlin Pritchett###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss! Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Brandy Rounsavall##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Linda & I are so sorry for loss of Terry. Ellen, we want to thank you for the many positive things you have done &/or attempted since being a part of the family. We know we can not begin to replace your loss. Please know that we have prayed for Terry as well as you and all the family. We plan to see you tomorrow. Love Stan & Linda D.##imported-begin##Stan and Linda Donawho##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, I was sad to hear that your Terry passed. I will continue to pray for you and yours. You are in our thoughts. May God's peace be with you all.vicki##imported-begin##Vicki Heldreth##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

To the Terry Burnett Family,On behalf of the Stovall and Johnstone families form Kemp, you have our deepst sympathies. My late sister Edie Stovall Johnstone and Terry went to school in Kemp together. We all enjoyed his visits at our 4 year homecoming activities. He will be missed this year. We shall all have a moment of silence on his, and my sister's behalf. We know they are celebrating a much better homecoming in heaven now. God bless you Ellen, your daughters and those lil grandchildren. Much love to Sharon and Eddie and their family too. With deepest heartfelt sympathy.##imported-begin##Catherine Stovall Elzner##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I am praying for comfort and peace for you and your family. I only met him once and he was a very nice man! He will be missed! I will keep you and your family in my prayers. With love,##imported-begin##Amber Davis Stamper##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I am very sorry for your loss! What a wonderful man and teacher he was. My daughter Ciara and I thought a lot of him and he will be missed!!! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers!!!##imported-begin##CHERYL TORCHIA##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We never actually knew Terry except that we considered him very fortunate to have Ellen as his wife. He must have been exceptional and close to God to have her by his side. We have this Christian Hope, though, that we will know him as an eternal friend and neighbor. God bless you, Ellen, and your family. Please let us know if you need anything.##imported-begin##David and Denise Diaz##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry was a bright light in our family and he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mark, Lisa, Abby and Sydney Fondren##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen and Family: Having known Terry since the time when we were both in school at ET, I was especially proud when he was inducted into the LIONS Athletic Hall of Fame during my time as president of the LIONS Athletic Association. I have considered Terry a long-time friend. He was truly a great representative of the LIONS Family and will be missed by all of us. Ron Newsome##imported-begin##Ron Newsome##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry was one of the kindest men that I have ever met. He was truly a friend. I will miss seeing his smile in the hallways of Bruce Junior High. I am so thankful that both of my children had the honor of being taught by Mr. Burnett.##imported-begin##Felisha Wilson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Amanda, Extending my sympathy to you in the loss of your father. I worked with your mother for a long time at Pinewood Park.##imported-begin##Janice McMeans Nutt##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Terry and I shared school duties throughout the last year. He was an awesome person and will be greatly missed. His love, patience, and compassion for his students set a wonderful example for the rest of us. I am honored to have worked with him.##imported-begin##Nina Baker##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Amanda and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-begin##Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

It was a honor to have Mr. Burnett as my science teacher. He was the sweetest and caring teacher. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Courtney Gilbert##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ellen, We are so saddened by your loss. Have strength in the Lord. God Bless you and your family in this time of need.##imported-begin##Jeff and Lee Ann Humphries##imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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