



Joy Edward Terrill

October 2, 1934 - April 20, 2026

Joy Edward Terrill passed away on April 18, 2026, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of ninety-one years. He was born on October 2, 1934, in Bunker, Missouri, to Thiller and Martha (Watson) Terrill.

Joy was united in marriage to Linda Louise Nash on July 16, 1955, and they shared many cherished years together until her passing on August 1, 1982. He later married Melva Imogene Thompson on June 10, 1983, and they built a life full of memories until her passing on June 2, 2020.

Joy lived a life centered on family. He was a loving father to LaDana, Christine, Missy, and Matt. His grandchildren were his world and he adored his great-grandchildren. He treasured every moment spent with them, creating a lifetime of memories that will be forever cherished.

From a young age, Joy developed a strong work ethic, beginning his career in logging alongside his father right after school. In the 1970s, he proudly started his own business, Terrill Logging, with his brother Dwain. He continued working for many years, retiring at the age of eighty-two, though he remained active by cutting firewood for several more years.

In addition to logging, Joy was a dedicated cattle farmer who enjoyed working and spending time in his fields. He also found great joy in fishing and

traveling, especially trips to Branson.

A man of great faith, Joy was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for several years. Known for his uplifting spirit, honesty, and strong integrity, Joy was a kind and generous man who never had a bad word to say about anyone.

Joy is survived by his children: Christine Colvin of Fenton, MO, Missy Williams and husband Carl of Salem, MO, and Matt Brooks and wife Angela of Caulfield, MO; siblings: Claudine Vance of Salem, MO, Wanda Williams of Bunker, MO, Millie Williams and husband Den of Bunker, MO, Dwain Terrill and wife Dorothy of Salem, MO, Anna Misuraco of Bunker, MO, Sudie Williams and husband Verdis of Edgar Springs, MO, Kathy Damouth and husband Rick of Leasburg, MO, and Jay Terrill and wife Connie of Bunker, MO; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his first wife: Linda Terrill; second wife: Melva Terrill; daughter: LaDana Ferguson; parents: Thiller and Martha Terrill; and sisters: Betty Walls and Shirley Burris.

Joy's life was one of hard work, love for family, and quiet kindness. He will be remembered for his warm heart and positive outlook on life. Joy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services were held April 24, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor John Smith officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Zachariah Bennett, Joshua Wisdom, Dan Hutchings, Brandon Ferguson, Brendan Ferguson, and Aaron Brooks. Burial was in the Bunker Cemetery. The family was served by Wilson Mortuary.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Joy Terrill to Oak Grove Baptist Church and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Cemetery Details

Bunker Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Wilson Mortuary - April 24 at 03:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joy Edward Terrill.*



April 21 at 11:57 AM



“ *Uncle Joy was such a sweet and caring person, and he was a dedicated servant of the Lord! I know he is singing with the heavenly choir now, and though he will be greatly missed here, we will see him again! I'm so grateful for our Thompson Family Reunions we shared through the years with Uncle Joy and Aunt Melva!*

*Judy Turnbough Bailey,
Tokyo, Japan*

Judy Bailey - April 21 at 03:08 AM