



William "Bill" Charles Terry

December 27, 1950 - February 5, 2022

William "Bill" Charles Terry was born December 27, 1950 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Charles Alton and Bernice (Gibson) Terry. As a young child, Bill moved frequently due to his father's military career but considered Columbia, Missouri his home. He graduated with the class of 1969 from Eisenhower High School in Lawton, Oklahoma. Bill furthered his education with the University of Missouri and obtained his bachelor's degree.

Bill was united in marriage to the love of his life, Susan Diane Young, May 21, 1977 and shared together forty-four years of laughter and memories. Bill and Susan were blessed with two sons: William and Mark and one grandson: Will. Bill was a dedicated family man, his devotion to his family was evident to those around him. He took great pride in providing for his family and being there for them. Bill was a doting grandfather and treasured making memories with his grandson.

Bill's love of the outdoors and desire to serve others led him to his lifelong career as a Park Ranger with the National Park Service. Known to many as Ranger Bill, he was a great example of what a park ranger should be, he always had a positive attitude and great outlook on life. Bill patrolled the scenic rivers for thirty-four years before retiring. In his spare time, he enjoyed what nature provided and liked to go hunting and fishing

Bill had a big heart, warm smile, and booming laugh. He loved visiting with people and was always a good story to tell. His larger than life personality touched everyone that crossed his path. Bill was well respected, knowledgeable, and a true gentleman. His faith in God was evident in his concern for others and generous giving. Bill was a longtime member of Jadwin Church of Christ.

Bill departed this life February 5, 2022 surrounded by his loving family at his home in Jadwin, Missouri at the age of seventy-one years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, loving wife Susan Terry; son: William Terry and wife Laurel of Nashville, TN; grandson: Will Terry; sister: Judi Schoonover and husband Dan of Columbia, MO; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, precious son: Mark Terry and his parents: Charles and Bernice Terry.

Bill leaves behind giant shoes to fill but left a wonderful path of footprints for those who loved him most. Bill was a gentle giant and his presence will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services for William "Bill" Charles Terry were held Friday, February 11, 2022 at the Jadwin Church of Christ with Glenn Claxton officiating. Special eulogies were shared by his sister, Judy and son, William. Congregational Music was led by Tom Fleener and special music was provided by Lisa Wulff. Serving as Pallbearers were Jacob Kettle, Clink Capps, Bryan Capps, Ian Young, JT Fleener, and Matt Fleener. Burial was in the Jadwin Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Bill Terry to the Jadwin Cemetery Association or Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Jadwin Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jadwin Church of Christ
27 County Rd 6307
Salem, MO 65501
(573) 729-4320

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM.

Jadwin Church Of Christ

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I was assigned as an agent to the FBI office at Poplar Bluff in the late 1960's. The Ozark National Scenic Riverways was in my territory. I do not remember when I first met Bill, but we became professional law enforcement associates and good friends. I always went out of my way to "track" him down whenever I was working the territory. As others have stated in their tributes, Bill was a man of large stature. He was also a man of exceptional professional skill and a man of unquestioned integrity, character and work ethic. I became an avid canoeist and have made many, many float trips on the Current and Jack's Fork rivers. On those trips I would often start with a visit to Jadwin Canoe Rental. Before the trip I would call Bill to see if he was around and often he would come into the store so we could visit. We will all miss you, Bill. God speed and thanks for all the good you have done. Bill Burton, Jefferson City, MO.

Bill Burton - May 21, 2022 at 07:59 PM

JA

“ We met Bill one time, years ago when he guided us down a River with Judy and Terry Cochran (my sister). We, also enjoyed a dinner at his home. He was so gracious and hospitable and we had a wonderful day. Our condolences to the family. Chuck and Janet Boehme from Spokane Washington.

Janet - February 15, 2022 at 09:38 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 12, 2022 at 11:18 AM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 11, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *From all of us at the National Deer Association:*

Our deepest condolences for Bill's family in this time of loss. Bill was a great leader for our Jadwin/Gladden Wildlife Cooperative and a very strong advocate for our wildlife. He will be truly missed.

- Cheyne Matzenbacher

Cheyne Matzenbacher - February 11, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Mortuary - February 10, 2022 at 09:05 PM

SR

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family. Bill was definitely one of a kind. I will always remember Bill tapping his foot when we were singing during church service. I could feel the floor move! My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Love to all

Sherri (Jadwin) Roe

Sherri Roe - February 10, 2022 at 03:44 PM

BR

“ *William and family, you are in my thoughts and I pray you find comfort during this difficult time. On behalf of your USACE Nashville family, if there is anything we can do to support you please let me know.*

Ben Rohrbach

Ben Rohrbach - February 10, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JG

“ Covid here so won't attend funeral. We love the Terry family. Bill was so good to everyone. We will miss him very much.

Jim and Sherry Goes - February 10, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 10, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 09, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 09, 2022 at 03:31 PM

GB

“ Sue and family, I am sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. My deepest sympathies for your loss. What a great man. You are all in my prayers.

Gary Blonshine

Gary R Blonshine - February 09, 2022 at 10:46 AM

HH

Big Bill, I am so happy to have met a Christian of your magnitude thru my beautiful wife and your first cousin Linda Huffstetler. We have thoroughly enjoyed our conversations over time and here of recent times. God has a place for you in heaven! You left a beautiful family and loved every second with you. Thank you for all of your great stories and accepting me into your life! You were such a great person to know and be around. Gods got a great one in heaven. If you never met him, it is totally your loss. We're going to miss you Big Bill until we meet again in Heaven. May God Bless all of your family that you left behind. We loved you so much, Harvey & Linda Huffstetler

Harvey Huffstetler - February 11, 2022 at 06:11 PM

TK

“ I remember Bill from the many basketball games that he was at supporting his son Will. He was (and Will is) so kind and humble leaving a lasting impression on everyone around him. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time of loss. God's blessings.

Tana Kettner - February 09, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 09, 2022 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ I worked with Bill from 1987 to 2000 at OZAR. I have great memories, like seeing him carry his pink suitcase proudly into the hotel on a training trip several of us made. I also remember him standing at attention at my son's gravesite. He and other rangers had made a point of being there for the funeral. Such a special person. I moved on from the NPS in 2000. I called Bill a few years ago seeking information about the Salem area. He remembered me and we had quite a conversation. He was so proud of his family!

Bill will be missed. Prayers for your family.

Donna Reynolds

Donna Reynolds - February 08, 2022 at 04:36 PM

SS

Suzy, so sorry to hear of your loss. I will miss Bill and was looking forward to seeing him again soon.

stuart schneider - February 09, 2022 at 12:12 PM

NY

“ My husband and I met Bill in 2003 when we worked the summer at Pulltite. He was a man among men, large in structure and the biggest heart I have ever known. We worked with him and worshipped with him, he had an awesome singing voice! In 2006 I volunteered again at Pulltite and my fondest memory of Bill is the night we relocated a large timber rattler from the campground. When my husband passed away in 2018 Bill sent me a hand written letter of sympathy and encouragement. What a man, heaven gained a great one.

Nancy youngs - February 08, 2022 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Bill . Bill and I go back to the sixties when his family moved to Columbia Missouri . His parents and mine were friends after that until their passing . We shared a mutual friend ship with a man named Jerry Case till Jerry ' s passing . We never talked without sharing a Jerry story . Bill loved his family , his God , the outdoors and his country . My late father George G. Fleener was considered a mentor by Bill and he always visited dad when he went to Columbia . Our family really appreciated those visits and I know dad did . I ' m glad Bill got to be a grandfather . He shared photos of Will and I shared photos of my three grand daughters . We had a lot in common and I know that I will be one of many who greatly miss him . May he safely rest in God ' s loving arms . I know the absence is heavy .

*Ted G. Fleener
Wadena Minnesota
Elkader Iowa*

I ' m also an alumni of Missouri and Hickman . So that was another connection we had .

Ted G. Fleener - February 08, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 08, 2022 at 10:46 AM

RH

“ *Bill was and is a priceless friend of 60 years, Love ya!*

Richard Hayden - February 08, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.*



February 08, 2022 at 10:18 AM

MR

“ *I met Bill over 20 years ago working at Jadwin Canoe Rental. It didn't take long to see Bill was a mountain of a man, with a heart equally as big. He helped so many people along the river and even back at the canoe rental. He always had a smile on his face and a booming laugh when he'd come in to visit Darrell. Years later-working as a nurse in Rolla I'd see him again and again, visiting people close to him in the hospital & bringing them various things, but mostly bringing happiness & smiles-which was better than any medicine they could have received.*

I last saw him fighting his own battles, but still managed to have the mountainous presence & the warmest smile. He was a Genuinely good soul & a true gentleman. This world was a better place because of him & I am honored to have known such a genuinely good person in this life. My deepest condolences go to his wife, son, & family.

Mary Roderman - February 07, 2022 at 11:34 PM

ZS

“ I’m gonna miss you buddy thank you so much for all the memories, you taught me so many things about life that I will never forget. I’m gonna miss going out on the river and going fishin with you it was always one of the best parts when I would come up and visit, one time we went 6 days in a row!!! Those are some of the best memories I will ever have. You truly were my best friend and I won’t ever forget you. It makes me sad that the last time we were Together I was sick so we couldn’t spend anytime together but I’m so happy that you got to meet my son little zach I know it made you so happy to see him, and due to me being sick I Was not able to properly thank you for the card and gift you gave me and I would like to do that now. Thank you buddy I’ll miss you and I’ll see you in heaven and while your up there save some fish for me , love your buddy zach

zach senick - February 07, 2022 at 11:09 PM

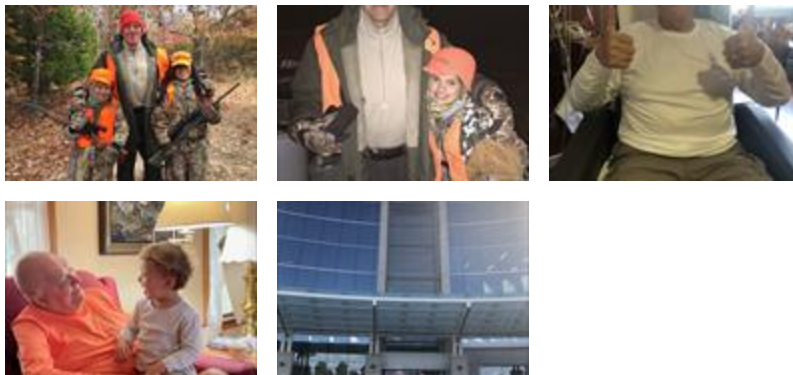
PJ

He loved you too Zach, and Michelle and Lil Zachary. Always asked about how you were doing.

PAYNE DARRELL D & MITZIE J - February 08, 2022 at 07:58 PM

DA

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Dan Appelbaum - February 07, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 07, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



James Coggins - February 07, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James Coggins - February 07, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Charles Terry.



February 07, 2022 at 11:44 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Charles Terry*



jerry higgins - February 07, 2022 at 10:54 AM

JH

so sorry for your loss susan.from jerry higgins retired ups driver.

jerry higgins - February 07, 2022 at 10:56 AM

RC

Our Hearts are saddened by the loss of Our Best Friend Ever- Mr. Bill! The most loving, caring, giving man -taken to soon! His love of God, family, and country was shown, not only in words, but actions daily. We will hold all the wonderful memories in our hearts and minds forever. And will continue to pray for strength for Susie, William, Laurel and little Will.

Rest In Peace "Old River Ranger"

Cliff and Robin Coggins

Robin & Cliff Coggins - February 07, 2022 at 11:37 AM

LU

My family knew Bill from being on the river since the 1970s. I worked with Bill at Round Spring in the early 2000s. He was a good man, a kind man, and a friend. God bless you, Sue and William and your family. He will be missed.

Linda Schafer Uphoff - February 07, 2022 at 07:02 PM

MC

*I worked with Bill and his wife in the summers at Akers Ferry in the campground. Bill was one of the nicest people I have ever known, kind and compassionate to co-workers and park visitors. Many fond memories of those days, sometimes you could find Bill at peach cobbler hollow visiting the Conrads. Susan, we will take our lawn chairs and sit on the gravel bar this summer and share wonderful memories. Rest in peace Bill.
Mary Beth Cook*

Mary Beth Cook - February 08, 2022 at 10:16 AM

DM

I have fond memories of Bill from our time working together at Round Springs in the early 70's. The get togethers on Sunday night after the tourists left, stealing my sweet tea and arguing politics with my mother while eating her fried chicken. He was a true gentleman. My deepest sympathies and may God bless and comfort you.

Debbie Rogers Myers - February 08, 2022 at 03:56 PM

KH

My deepest sympathies to Sue and family. My early memories of Bill is when I was a teenager seeing him at church, church events, some family events and a time or two on the river. Brad and I moved away and when we would come back to Jadwin for a visit would not get to see as many friends of the family as we would like. I knew Bill more from other people stories, but I do remember Bill when he would lead a prayer. And he would pray from the heart and with true conviction. May God comfort you during this difficult time and the all the days that follow.

Kelli Homeyer - February 09, 2022 at 07:57 PM

TO

It has been 25 years since I last saw Bill. When I was at Ozark NSR I always knew the Upper River was in good hands with Ranger Bill. He was one of the best I worked with during my career. I am confident he has found another beautiful river float! Our condolences to the family.

Tom - February 09, 2022 at 09:31 PM