



Terry Smith

August 9, 1954 - August 1, 2019

R. Terry Smith, 64, of Kennesaw, Ga passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer on August 1st, 2019. A native of Norcross, Ga, Terry graduated from Auburn University in 1976 and was a resident of Cobb County for 38 years. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Joe and Edna Smith. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Jackie; their two sons Neal Kirkland Smith (Lauren) and William Terry Smith (Ginger); five grandchildren Quinn, Asher, Bennett, Eleanor and Winn; sister Susan Horner. His love of family was never more evident than when he was with his grandchildren and their families. Terry had a distinguished career serving the metro-Atlanta community. During his 27-year tenure at the Marietta Daily Journal, he started in Sales and eventually became President & COO. After which, he followed his calling and dedication to the MS Center of Atlanta by serving as their CEO. He leaves a legacy of helping many afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis. He gave back to the community by serving as a Trustee of the Kennesaw State University Foundation, CEO Roundtable, Board of Directors for Signature Bank, and a member of the Cobb Chamber. Terry was an avid golfer and enjoyed the comradery of playing with family and friends. He lived a life driven by unwavering faith and taught Sunday school at Marietta First United Methodist Church. Terry's strength, dedication and determination, in everything he did, was exemplified during the final phase of his remarkable life. And for this his family, friends and colleagues will be forever grateful.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in the First United Methodist Church of Marietta with Rev. Julie Boone and Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Following the service, a reception celebrating Terry's life will be held at the Marietta Country Club.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2pm Tuesday in the church parlor.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Smith requested that donations be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Atlanta, 3200 Downwood Circle, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia 30327, online at www.msatl.org or Marietta First United Methodist Church.

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Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta, GA, US, 30064

AUG **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Jennifer Flanigan lit a candle in memory of Terry Smith



Jennifer Flanigan - August 06 at 12:11 PM



“ Jan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Terry Smith



Jan Pointer - August 05 at 05:21 PM



“ Janice Marsh lit a candle in memory of Terry Smith



Janice Marsh - August 05 at 03:01 PM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes





“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Smith.



August 05 at 11:03 AM



“ King, Britney, Lily & Susan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Terry Smith.



King, Britney, Lily & Susan - August 05 at 09:55 AM



“ I worked at the MS center of Atlanta for six and a half years with Mr Smith. Never in my life have I ever met a person with such dignity, and fighting spirit. I truly admire how he fought until the bitter end. He is, and he will truly be missed by so many at the MS Center. Always having a smile, and answering his phone with “Terry Smith here”. Rest In Peace as you fought a very hard battle. Much love to Jackie and family.

Debby Nott - August 05 at 06:55 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Terry Smith.



August 04 at 06:04 PM



“ I had the honor of serving on football board at Pope High School with Terry for 3 years. Terry was a man of integrity, never compromising what he knew to be right for what was easier, or for personal gain. He was a shining example to us all. Not only did he model this to his sons, but to all who observed the right way of doing things. His legacy will be lived out in the lives of many as they emulate, as Terry did, what it means to be Christ-like.

Susan Giurato

Susan Giurato - August 03 at 04:23 PM



“ Terry was and will always be a cherished part of "the golf group". We aren't just a group of golfers, we are a group of friends and brothers who will do anything for each other. Terry was always on the range on Saturday mornings, ready to go. His drive on the first hole was usually a long, arching draw. He would pick up his tee and look back at the rest of us as if to say, "that's right...I just did that!". We enjoyed many hours of laughter and banter before, during and after our rounds and golf trips. Terry had a great sense of humor, was meticulous in all that he did, and was first and foremost a family man and devoted husband, father, grandfather. He battled the disease that befell him valiantly, and when he decided that the fight was over, he completed his life with grace and dignity. It's not enough to say he will be missed; he will always be part of our fellowship.



Bill Woods - August 02 at 09:59 PM



“ I worked for Terry for roughly 15 years during his tenure at Times Journal. I always had tremendous respect for him. He was tough, but fair and possessed wisdom, wit and vision. I learned so many things from him about journalism, sales, life and business. He always asked about my family and shared his concern and support during our trials and tribulations. He was also not ashamed of his Faith, but was gracious in sharing his beliefs and was not preachy. He was a true gentleman. He was very proud of his family. I am glad I knew him. He made an indelible impact upon my life which I will never forget. My deepest condolences to his family.

Mark Wallace Maguire - August 02 at 03:11 PM



“ Terry was a long-time friend for 29-years. Our wives were best friends, our boys the same and we enjoyed his humor and his competitiveness. He was a warm person that loved his family and supported them in every way. We went to church together, played golf together, played dominos together and we had many great dinners together. I will miss him and I know God has awarded another angel star into his heavenly place. I look forward to being with him there when God calls me home. Grace, mercy and peace be with the boys, their families and his precious wife, Jackie. Love you guys and we will be praying for each of you during this special time of celebration. Kay and Frank Horsman

Frank Horsman - August 02 at 02:50 PM



“ In the time I worked with Terry, he was always one of the most professional gentlemen in the newspaper business

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“ First time I met Terry was in July 1972 when I and another fraternity brother went to the Heart of Auburn motel to meet some guy from Norcross High School that was there for Auburn orientation. It didn't take long to realize Terry was exactly the type man we wanted to represent Delta Tau Delta on campus. He was smart, easy going, athletic and a good looking guy that everyone gravitated to in a crowd. In fraternities there are cliques where some guys fall into certain groups but Terry was a guy who everybody liked no matter which group. After graduation he was a great husband and father and business leader and will be sorely missed by his friends. Our hearts hurt but we take comfort in the knowledge we will see him again and are thankful he's no longer in physical pain. We loved him and we love Jackie

Greg Sutton - August 05 at 10:35 AM