



Terry P. Wilkinson

December 13, 1947 - July 30, 2023

Terry P. Wilkinson, 75, of Huntington, IN, returned to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 12:50 a.m. surrounded by his loving family. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggles and ultimately gave him peace.

Terry was born on December 13, 1947, in Ft. Wayne, IN, the son of the late Robert Wilkinson and Mary (Bowser) Wilkinson. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School with the class of 1966 and proudly enlisted in the United States Navy. Terry served during the Vietnam War with the Navy SeaBees from 1969-1970 and continued to serve in the Naval Reserves until 1974. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1983 and went on to receive his Master's Degree in business management from Indiana Institute of Technology of Fort Wayne, IN in 1984. He was a dedicated supervisor at Dana Corporation of Fort Wayne, for 33 years before retiring in 2000. Terry married Kathryn M. Bowers on March 28, 2008, in Sebastian, FL.

Terry was a member of the VFW Post 5582 and American Legion Post 98 both of Columbia City, IN. He felt strongly in giving back to the community and he was grateful to be a part of starting up the Food Pantry in Wolfe Lake, IN. Terry liked sports such as track, softball, bowling, fishing, and was always up for a game of cards. He enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and sitting on his swing in his backyard. Terry loved his big family and felt blessed with all of

the memories he was able to make with each one of them.

Survivors include his loving wife, Kathryn M. Wilkinson of Huntington, IN; three daughters, Dedra (Jeffrey) Wilkinson Gay of Fort Wayne, IN, Sylvia (Timothy) Wilkinson Tumbleson of Columbia City, IN, Dede (Chad) Wilkinson-Jones of Columbia City, IN; two sons, Scott (Sherry) Wilkinson of Columbia City, IN, Tony (Erika) Wilkinson of Roanoke, IN; stepdaughter, Kimberly (Tom) Bartrom of Huntington, IN; sister, Rhonda (Robert) Wilkinson-Happ of Fort Wayne, IN; twenty-one grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; two great uncles, Paul (Sue) Wilkinson of IN, Larry Wilkinson of TX; aunt, Martha Willoughby of IN; sister in-law, Betty Wilkinson of Columbia City, IN; and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Clifford Wilkinson, mother, Mary Elaine Wilkinson, brother, Steven Wilkinson, stepson, Brent E. Bowman, and his loving dogs, Cheyenne, T, Missy, Sophie and, Smoky.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Dale Wilkinson and Chaplain Michael Deter officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Huntington. Military Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #47 Honor Guard of Fort Wayne, IN, at the cemetery and the American Legion Riders of Huntington, IN will present flags outside at Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Preferred memorials to the Whitley County Humane Shelter or Living Waters Wolfe Lake Food Pantry, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

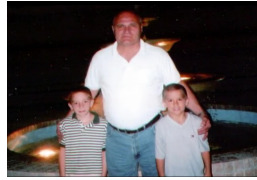
AUG 3 (ET)

Union Cemetery
3688 E. 400 N.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Terry Wilkinson.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 01, 2023 at 02:00 PM

TR

So sorry to hear of Terry passing. I was lucky enough to work with him and for him, but most of all to play softball with him. He was always smiling and laughing. His family is quite a tribute to him! Thanks and God bless you and your family 🙏

Tom Reinking - August 01, 2023 at 06:10 PM

KS

Rest in Peace!

Karen S Downing Schultis - August 02, 2023 at 02:09 AM

JM

“ *Jess - it's always so sad to loose someone you love. You have my deepest sympathy.* ”

Joy McCleery - August 04, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.* ”



August 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



August 02, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



August 02, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Paula E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry P. Wilkinson.

Paula E. - August 02, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



August 02, 2023 at 07:36 AM

TS

“ To Terry's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.
I never knew Terry's last name, but I liked visiting with him when he came through my checkout at Walmart.
He'd always say my name is Terry too. Lol



Terry E Scher - August 01, 2023 at 08:35 PM

CC

“ My husband, Ernie Coy gave Terry the nickname Magilla gorilla back in the 70s. Ernie and Terry would go golfing and Terry would always wear knit polo shirts. He would be smoking a big fat long cigar. Every time Terry would lower his head to take a shot or a putt he would burn holes in the front of his shirt with his cigar. Ernie would laugh and tell him that he had the touch of a gorilla. And from then on, Terry became Magilla gorilla.

Connie Coy - August 01, 2023 at 07:52 PM

BW

“ Many memories of our families getting together for Christmas and Birthdays or just for a night of playing cards. We always had such a nice time. Being part of the "Wilkinson" family is a Blessing. Rest in Peace Terry.

Betty Wilkinson - August 01, 2023 at 07:11 PM

AN

“ Angie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry P. Wilkinson.

Angie - August 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM

AN

“ Angie purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



Angie - August 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



August 01, 2023 at 02:48 PM

DH

“ Very shocked at hearing of Terry's passing. Thoughts and prayers with all of the family. He was such a loving and caring person who would do anything for you. He was one of my favorite cousins I always looked up to him growing up and enjoyed our time together whenever we got the chance to meet up.
David Heller

David Heller - August 01, 2023 at 09:09 AM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all he was a good person will be missed by many. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

John and Kathy Van Houten - August 01, 2023 at 08:27 AM

MC

So very sorry for your loss prayers to you and yours

mona crago - August 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM

VH

“ *vickie Hoover lit a candle in memory of Terry Wilkinson*



vickie Hoover - August 01, 2023 at 06:54 AM

DC

“ *Terry threw the hammer and hit the wall behind me. It wasn't meant to hit me, which it didn't Terry just hated to lose. It was meant to intimate me. Terry was still my best friend for his whole life. He will be missed GREATLY. MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. AMEN.*

David Cochran - August 01, 2023 at 06:48 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.*



August 01, 2023 at 05:22 AM

MC

“ *So sorry to learn of Terry's passing. May all the memories each of you have of Terry get you through all the difficult dates.*

Marsha Morr Coon - July 31, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JH

“ JERRIE Hammond-BEGUE lit a candle in memory of Terry Wilkinson



JERRIE Hammond-BEGUE - July 31, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry P. Wilkinson.



July 31, 2023 at 07:45 PM

IC

“ Jessica, so sorry to hear of your grandpa passing. Big hugs to you and your a family at this time.

Ingrid Churchill - July 31, 2023 at 07:15 PM

JG

Thank you, Ingrid. We appreciate it more than you know.

Jessica Gay - August 01, 2023 at 07:36 PM

AT

“ Sorry for your loss 🥹 Thinking about and sending prayers your way 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Angie Tyner - July 31, 2023 at 05:18 PM

AC

Ann Cavaliere

I knew Terry through his family. Its always difficult to let our loved ones go, but God has prepared a much better home for Terry and Terry prepared himself to live there while here so remember the happy times because thats what will carry you through these difficult times. Sending Gods love and prayers to the family.

Ann Cavaliere - August 01, 2023 at 10:23 AM