



Terry Lee Sorensen

January 8, 1947 - July 26, 2020

Born to the late Shirley Sorensen (Phelps) and Leonard Sorensen in Omaha, Nebraska on January 8, 1947, Terry entered the arms of Jesus on July 26, 2020. Terry grew up with a passion for swimming and diving. He competed in track in high school and upon graduation enlisted in the Navy in 1965 and served proudly for more than 20 years. He was a decorated Viet Nam veteran who continued to serve after the war, finally retiring in September, 1985. He was always proud of his service and the country he served.

Terry's passions later in life were golf and fishing. He was part of an active foursome from MacDill Air Force Base for a number of years before his passing. He will always be remembered for his kindness, tender heart and his ability to see the good in people and circumstances. He was a loving and protective husband who will be greatly missed.

Terry is survived by his wife of nine years, Laurie (Lathrop) Sorensen.

Terry will be interred at Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, FL with honors, on a date to be determined.

Comments



“ My deepest sympathy to my dear friend Laurie. May God be by your side during this very sad time with the loss of your husband. Terry was such a kind and generous man. When Laurie's girlfriends would visit, he had already gone to the store and bought the best treats for us. It was so much fun to watch through the pool sliding doors, Terry getting up from his recliner and quietly entering their kitchen for additional goodies for himself. He figured the "girls" were keeping Laurie busy and she could not give him heck for eating more sugar. He also loved it when Laurie had put on their calendar, "Girls Day." This meant, before Covid, Terry would not have any "To Do List" and he could watch all the sports and movies he wanted--no interruptions. He and Laurie would attend my parties at my home. Terry would only join Laurie for the smaller ones because of his suffering with PTSD. He was uncomfortable with a large crowd. But one time in the 12 years I've known Terry, he stepped out of his comfort zone and took Laurie to Leo's and they danced. We "girls" were there too. I looked up at Terry and said, "I didn't know you could dance like that." Big smiles came onto both of their faces. Thank you again for your military service. God Bless You Terry. You will be missed by all. Please try not to worry about Laurie, the "girls" and her family and other friends will help her through this tragic loss.

May You Rest In Peace
Your Friend, Debbie Rittenhouse

Debbie Rittenhouse - August 01 at 12:19 PM



“ Terry...(BIG PRECIOUS)I will miss your funny comments and sense of humor. It was an honor knowing you, you will be missed. I know the Vietnam war caused some problems for you, but your service was greatly appreciated. Rest in peace you will be in our hearts and you will never be forgotten.

Judy Vilsack

Judy Vilsack - July 31 at 09:55 PM



“ To Terry ... rest in peace, up there in heaven -- no pain, no illness, no sadness -- a place of love and light, where we will all someday meet again. Thank you and God bless you for your service to our country.

To Lauri ... our deepest sympathy. We know you will miss him dearly. May your happy memories and the love of family and friends get you through the days ahead. Keeping you in our prayers.

Love,

Tom & Carol Rittenhouse & Helen Persang

Carol Rittenhouse - July 30 at 01:50 PM