



George Francis Terry

August 22, 1927 - December 3, 2020

RACINE-George Francis Terry, 93, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020.

George came into this world on August 22, 1927 with a deck of cards in his hand, the son of the late Henry and Louise (nee: Fonk) Terry. He said he didn't ever remember not knowing how to play Schafkopf, and that was his card game of choice for his entire life. While working at a grocery store at the age of 15, he spotted a pretty red-haired girl and bought her an ice cream cone. So began a love affair with his wife of 73 years. George married his sweetheart, Patricia Smith, on September 27, 1947 and together they raised five red-haired children.

After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army where he enjoyed his service as a cook. He was co-owner of Aluminum Fence Company until he retired in 1989. Because the business was seasonal, it gave George and Pat the luxury to travel during the winter months. Their travels took them to Florida, Hawaii, Texas, Bahamas, East Coast, Alaska and Canada. After retirement, George and Pat became snow birds and spent their winters in Arizona. George enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, golfing and playing Schafkopf. He was a past member of St. Sebastian's Church, Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Havasu City, AZ, more recently St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

George's family was of utmost importance to him and his moral compass was deeply rooted in his Catholic faith. Upon hearing of George's death, these

words spoken by a friend to the family confirmed this. "Your father was a true patriot, honest to the bone and a righteous man of God."

Survived by his wife Pat; children, Linda (Jerry) Auger, Sandra (Keith) Radke, Catherine Fisher; grandchildren, Rebecca (Jon Robbins) Mulder, Kim (Bryan) Zamora, Laura (Jennifer) Abrams and Jordan Bishop; great grandchildren, Brittany (Kyle) Lucier, Dakota Winiger, Shane (Jordan) St. Pierre, Rhiannon Mulder and William Mulder; great great grandchildren, Adelynn, Lacey, Kellen and Warren. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

George was preceded in death by his sons, Richard and Robert; brother and best friend, Wallace; sisters, Alice Vandenboom and Lone Robers; sons-in-law, Dennis Jensen and Jack Fisher, double first cousins who were more like siblings, Wilbur Terry and Marie Fredericks.

Private Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Paul the Apostle Parish. George has been laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association have been suggested. A special thank you to George's Cardiologist, Dr. Michael Papp, V.A. Home Care Health team, Allay Hospice and his Angels at Parkview Gardens.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of George Francis Terry*



Sturino Funeral Home - December 14, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Francis Terry*



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ED

“ *I worked at Parkview for 18 months and got to know him. He was a good man and dedicated to his wife and family. I enjoyed our interactions especially during Mens Club. George maybe was a fence builder but I am sure was also a bridge builder improving peoples lives and interactions with many a smile and kind words.*
Eugene Dunk

Eugene Dunk - December 12, 2020 at 12:09 PM

DC

“ Dear Pat, Linda, Sandy, Cathy and families, my sincerest condolences on George’s passing. How many wonderful memories I have from growing up in the 94th Street neighborhood and the fun times we had, all with your dad’s admonishments to stay out of mischief! May you find great comfort in your many sweet memories.
Debbie Johnson Collins

Debbie Collins - December 10, 2020 at 07:41 PM

KD

“ Linda, Sandy, Kathy and Aunt Pat, I am so sorry to hear of Uncle George's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of him along with my dad, and the uncles and aunts gathered around a table, no matter where we happened to be, playing cards and enjoying themselves. He always had a smile and a hug for me. He was a wonderful man and is looking down on you from his card game in heaven. My deepest sympathy, *Karen Dudley*

Karen Dudley - December 10, 2020 at 03:10 PM

CS

“ I am sorry to hear about "Uncle George". I have fond memories of your dad and mom and I am sure he will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith - December 10, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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Chuck Smith - December 10, 2020 at 09:58 AM

PS

“ Patricia Sherman lit a candle in memory of George Francis Terry



Patricia sherman - December 10, 2020 at 07:35 AM

LE

“ Sandy, I am so very sorry to read of your fathers passing. May he Rest In Peace! I am sure he and Bill are playing cards in heaven. Lynne

Lynne Eaton - December 09, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ 106 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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