



Terry Alan Burns

April 3, 1948 - April 19, 2016

Terry Alan Burns was born on April 3rd, 1948 in Paris, France to Lt. Col. David Burns and Irene (Lessieux) Burns. He passed away peacefully on April 19th, 2016 at the same home he grew up in, built by his father in 1954. Terry is remembered as a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, and friend to all that knew him. He was also an athlete, teacher, a bit of a salesman, coach, and one of the most selfless people you will ever meet.

Terry came to the United States on the USS America at age 3 from Paris, France. He grew up in Old Orchard and graduated from De Villbiss High School in 1966. He was a proud member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams in high school where he forged lifelong friendships with his teammates. Terry earned his Varsity Letter in baseball and basketball in each of his freshman through senior years, one of the few to earn that honor in his school's history. He went on to play basketball in college at Wittenberg University, then the #1 small college team in the nation. Terry transferred to Adrian College where he continued to play basketball and most importantly where he met and married Susan (McSeveny) LeFere, the mother of his two boys. He graduated from the University of Toledo with a degree in Education and chose to settle in his hometown to raise his family. Terry spent his early career as a high school teacher and coach of both football and basketball. He later transitioned into a successful career in sales. Paramount to his professional life were his personal relationships.

Terry was a son. He is survived by his mother, Irene, and preceded in death by his father, David. His father was a decorated officer and his hero. His mother is a strong, independent immigrant from France who he loved dearly and took care of in recent years during difficult times. Terry was a brother. He was the oldest of three boys. Terry is survived by Randy Burns, his wife Ruby and his children Josh and Dustin and Craig Burns, his wife Martha and their children Kelly, Emily, Olivia and Andrew. He loved both of his brothers more than he probably ever expressed in words. Terry was a father. He is survived by his two sons, Brandon and Brett. He was always there for his sons no matter their age or circumstance. He always put his kids first and never let them know that anything was ever wrong in his life. Terry was a grandfather. He is survived by his two

granddaughters, Macyn and Kendall Burns, of Brandon and Anita Burns. He is also survived by his two grandsons, Graham and Ben Burns, of Brett and Melissa Burns. He loved spending as much time with his grandchildren as possible.

Terry was a friend. His genuine concern for others, his sense of humor, and his ability to get along and have a conversation with anyone made him a lot of friends. To know him was to be his friend. He will be missed by many.

Friends are invited to visit from 1:00-3:00pm on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43613 where a memorial service will follow beginning at 3:00pm. Those wishing to send his family online condolences may visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Comments



“ I remember Terry and his family as the next door neighbors of my dear Uncle Ken and Aunt Peg. Vicki and Candy Kendall are still lifelong friends.

On behalf of my mother, Juanita Spencer, myself and my sister, Melissa Linke, please accept our deepest sympathy at this time of loss.

Meladie Spencer Jamra - April 30, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ RIP my friend. You will be sadly missed. Always great seeing you at DHS lunches, the carry out. McD's and at our annual halibut feed. I'm in Alaska and will be thinking of you and your family during this time. God Bless.....Tj.

Terry Jarecki - April 30, 2016 at 12:16 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers to help you through your loss.

Love you all,
Aunt Kris

Kristani Pate - April 29, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ Terry was my best buddy with whom I shared so many good times, laughs (especially), and discussions about everything under the sun. He was so very special to me and his loss is devastating. My heart goes out to his wonderful family who brought so much joy to his life.

Cathy Rice - April 29, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ My husband and I only met Terry twice, he was a next door neighbor of our son Nick. He quickly became one of Nick's very dear friends. I know he will be sorely missed by Nick and Erica. Our sincerest condolences. May he rest in peace.

John and Anne DeLong

John and Anne DeLong - April 28, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ So sad to hear about Terry's passing. I got to know Terry better through our DeVilbiss luncheons each month. What a wonderful guy. He is going to be missed very much. Condolences to his family.

Nancy Frey Benington - April 27, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ Terry was a neighbor and a friend for many years. Always cheerful. My condolences to his family.
Alan Bellman
Portland, Oregon

Alan Bellman - April 27, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Our families and others from the Northwood neighborhood had several great years together when all our kids were young. Deepest sympathies to Sue, the boys, and the entire family

Mark Ferris - April 27, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ I was sad to hear of Terry's passing. Even though I hadn't seen him in years, I always think of Terry with a smile in my heart. He was always kind, and curious about what was going on in my life when we did have a chance to see each other. Brett, Brandon and families, you have my deepest sympathies. I will always remember him fondly.

Nicole

Nicole Tinnirello (Marquis) - April 27, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ Terry was our friend and neighbor for many years. He was a very good friend and so fun to have in our lives. We shared our life stories with each other during many long conversations on our back deck. We are so saddened to hear of his passing.

Nicki Clark and Ken Moeller - April 27, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ My thought's and prayers go out to Terry's family. Terry was one of the most kind and considerate individuals. Back in high school he was very athletic person. He loved playing both basketball and baseball and excelled in both. Terry always had a kind word for everyone. We shared many good times when he was a student at both DeVilbiss and Adrain College. RIP Terry.

Maria Rode Simko Class of 67 - April 27, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Terry's death. I last spoke with Terry three years ago at a DHS re-union day open house at the school. He was very sick then but so gracious with his time and attitude. I first met Terry while I was in Jr. Hi and his family attended Hope Lutheran Church in Ottawa Hills. He was truly one of the kindest and most welcoming people I've ever known. He made everyone feel at ease. May the Lord of Life comfort and solace you until you see him again.

Denny Hartman DHS '68 - April 27, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ Terry was such a kind soul. I didn't know him extremely well, but I worked with him for a period of time. He was always smiling, always wanted to help and always took the time to listen. He was missed when he left work, and is even more missed now. Condolences to his family and friends.

Lauren Schulze - April 27, 2016 at 10:31 AM



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