



## Terry Lee Walter

October 14, 1942 - June 1, 2022

Terry Lee Walter was born on October 14, 1942, in Gary Indiana and was the only child to Leonard and Earlane (Shork) Walter. After graduating from Anchor Bay High School in 1960 he attended college at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Florida. After coming back to Michigan Terry met, dated, and married his beloved wife Shirley Ann (Ringel) Walter on June 20, 1964, at St. Mary Catholic Church in New Baltimore, Michigan. Together Terry and Shirley celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Terry and Shirley welcomed their eldest son, Kevin Joseph Walter on November 14, 1965, and their youngest son, Todd Edward Walter on January 3, 1967. Terry was a wonderful, supportive father, always active in what his boys showed interest in including traveling, coaching sports, fishing, hunting, etc. Terry's strong work ethic also carried through to his family.

Terry was also a loving, caring father in-law to Cindy (Ciokajlo) Walter and grandfather to Natalia Jo and Michael Todd Walter. Terry was very proud of his family and always excited to hear and share about their accomplishments and lend an ear or financial gift. Terry was so thrilled that both his grandchildren earned a college degree as he often wore items from Grand Valley State University.

Terry enjoyed other hobbies including making homemade wines, searching for treasures with his metal detector and anything to do with Scottish music, science, archeology, rock, and gems. Terry had a wonderful collection of various rocks including a vast array of Native American arrow heads. Terry

was an active member of the St. Mary Catholic Church for over 50 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years.

Terry spent his professional career as a Precision Tool and Die Inspector and was always proud he played a part in putting a man on the moon. After retiring in 2004, Terry continued to fill his time attending rock and gem shows and more seriously took up baking and cooking. He will be remembered by many people for the wonderful, delicious treats he produced, many without ever following a recipe. Terry was always ready to bake and give away his goodies and assisted in the St. Mary's Catholic Church Lenten Fish Frys, Morning McCrest program and occasionally dropping off treats for the Parish Center. For those who really knew Terry he will be greatly missed for his humor, kindness, and extreme generosity whether it be a bag of homemade cookies or a \$10.00 bill to fill your gas tank after a weekend visit.

Terry passed away peacefully at his residence at The Villages of East Harbor on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, under the care of Heart-to-Heart Hospice and with his family at his bedside. Per Terry's wishes, he has been cremated. A private gathering for his ashes to be interred at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

A celebration of celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, July 16th at the VFW Hall in New Baltimore during the hours of 3:00-5:00 pm.

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.

-Irish Blessing

## Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Uncle Terry had the strongest, firmest handshake of anyone I've ever met. After getting to know him, it didn't take long to understand that his word, his bond, was every bit as strong, if not stronger, than his handshake. He always had kind things to say, greeted me with a smile and was quick with a joke when the opportunity presented itself. Never did I feel unwelcome or like a stranger or outsider in his presence. His laugh was infectious, his wit sharp and his love for friends and family unshakable. I am proud, and lucky, to have known him. Without a doubt, the example he set as a husband, father & family man had a positive effect on me and made me a better man. Thank you Uncle Terry, for everything you have taught, everything you have given, everything you have stood for, but mostly for just being you. You will be forever missed.

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**Jerry St.Onge** - July 13, 2022 at 05:06 PM

JR

“ My condolences to Terry's family, he was a good man and always had a way about him to make everyone at ease. He always had a good clean joke for us kids.

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**James Jimmer Rundquist** - June 22, 2022 at 02:57 PM

KK

“ I am saddened to hear of Terry's passing. He was a wonderful man. Very caring, giving, compassionate. My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. May you Rest In Peace, Terry.

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**Kevin Komara** - June 07, 2022 at 08:35 AM

LM

“ Shirley and family I am so very sorry for your loss. Terry was a generous soul and a good friend to do many. You are in my prayers Shirley.

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**Lynne Hoover Musilli** - June 04, 2022 at 11:02 AM

SP

“ Our family will miss Terry very much!! Our boys Steven & Alan are good friends of Kevin & Todd. We played many card games with Shirley & Terry. Always loved his laugh!! I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him!! I was saving a stack of magazines for him. Love, Shirley Pawlyshyn

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**Shirley Pawlyshyn** - June 03, 2022 at 09:42 PM

FH

“ Terry was one of my husband, Jack's, closest friends. Terry came for coffee three times a week for many years; he became my friend too. When our granddaughter came to live with us, Terry adopted her as "family". Alexis sitting in her high chair was fed breakfast by "Uncle Terry". Soon we were joined by "Aunt Shirley".

Terry had a sense of humor that was his trade mark ... nobody laughed harder at his jokes than Terry. His generosity was limitless - he never wanted anything for himself. He gave us bottles of his homemade wine when we were all young. Later, he started giving us baked goods - pies, cookies, cakes, bread. He gave Alexis cooking lessons - he was patient and kind teaching her how to do things. She even had a chef's hat when they cooked.

Terry was one of the smartest people I have been blessed to have as a friend. He read everything and retained what he read. It did not matter what the subject, Terry knew about it. He knew how everything worked, and could fix most anything. One of his favorite sayings, after he fixed something with a big Terry laugh was "I Jack proofed it".

Thank you God for giving our family Terry as a friend, and may his soul rest in peace!!

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**Florence Hayman** - June 03, 2022 at 05:20 PM

JF

Terry and I grew up in Anchorville and went to school together. We had many good times together. So sorry Shirley for your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family.

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**Jerry - Rosie Felster** - June 05, 2022 at 11:36 AM