



Terry Lee Melahn

January 15, 1947 - February 26, 2019

Terry Lee Melahn, age 72, passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at Willard Walker Hospice in Fayetteville. He was born on January 15, 1947, in Elgin, Illinois, to Doug and Jolene (Zito) Melahn. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his niece, Kelly Forbes.

Terry joined the United States Army and served his country in Vietnam. He had a passion for sports and even played basketball while in the army. As a kid he played basketball, baseball, and football. Terry's grandmother taught him everything he knew about gardening and he went on to work for the University of Arkansas as their grounds keeper and he took great pride in his job.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dianne Melahn of the home; his four children, Charles Giertz and significant other Sherrie of Fayetteville, Stephanie Melahn and significant other Rick of Byron, Illinois, Darren Giertz and significant other Angela of Bentonville, Doug Melahn and wife Kimberly of Illinois, and Daniel Giertz of Winslow; his two sisters, Pam Jorgensen of Elgin, Illinois, and Evaughn Hackett of Wasco, Illinois; his two brothers, Steve Melahn and wife Jeanette, and Scott Melahn and wife Kathy, both of Illinois; twelve grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Moore's Chapel Funeral Home in Fayetteville.

Comments



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Terry Lee Melahn.



February 28 at 11:46 PM



“ Terry I wish I could make it to say my good byes to you. But we know its what is in my heart that really matters. We have had many years of you and my sister since you have been together. Many fun times and some sad times as well. I always loved when we were able to travel to Arkansas to visit you both. We always had a blast. I love you my dear brother in law and will miss seeing you in this world. But we will be seeing each other again. When you see Ricky & Mom in heaven please tell them I love them and give them big hugs and kisses for me.



Sherrie Merchut - February 28 at 11:40 PM



“ Terry was my first love (6th grade Willard school). he, me (Judy Seyller) and Mary Beith hung out together. He was the captain of our volleyball team, which he named "The Worm Eaters". We signed the top of his head (don't know why) before each game. I met Terry again when he sold his South Elgin home on Adam Drive. My Real Estate name is Judy LoBianco Nelson. Sure wish Terry could have come to one of our Larkin High School reunions.

Judy Nelson - February 28 at 08:21 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Terry Lee Melahn.



February 28 at 03:31 PM



“ OLD FRIEND FROM GROUNDS SHOP Ben Doudna purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Terry Lee Melahn.



OLD FRIEND FROM GROUNDS SHOP Ben Doudna - February 28 at 01:15 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to whole your family and I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. He would work the flower bed right outside of my office and he was always such a happy, go-lucky guy that loved what he was doing. He was one of the hardest working guys! I always enjoyed talking and discussing flowers with him. He always had a smile and a good attitude! Rest in peace Terry.
Your friend, Lori

Lori Kruse - February 28 at 10:17 AM



“ He was a talented athlete and great competitor in both scholastic and 'backyard' games. He was fun-loving and loved telling great stories. He will be missed! Comfort and joy in the hopes of a life eternal! Larry & Cindy Drafall

Larry Drafall - February 27 at 08:14 PM



“ Gail and I are sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

David and Gail Snowwhite
Conyers, Ga.



“ An external video has been added.



Moores Chapel - February 27 at 04:33 PM



“ Dear Dianne,

I am so sorry to hear of Terry's death. I remember him well, having spoken with him several times. He was a fine, good-natured, happy gentleman, pleasant and easy to talk with. He loved nature, especially his work with the campus plant life. This must be a hard time for you, my friend. Please stay in touch with your friends, and let us know how you are and what you're doing. Love - Art

Art Hobson, Prof. Emeritus of Physics

Art Hobson - February 28 at 10:26 AM