



Mr. Donald Ray "Donnie" Terry

May 26, 1961 - August 3, 2025

Donald Ray "Donnie" Terry passed away suddenly on August 3rd, 2025 in Foley, Alabama. He was born in Chicago, Illinois and was a native of Lockport, Illinois, Retired Carpenter, and of the Baptist faith.

Donnie was preceded in death by his father, Roy Omer Terry; his mother, Betty Lou Martin-Terry; and his brother, Ronnie Lee Terry.

He is remembered by those who knew and loved him, including his ex-wife, Lisa Messina; step-children, Heather McHugh, and Shaun McHugh wife Cayla; brother, James Olmer Terry wife Debra; sisters, Brenda Kaye Terry-Nikkila husband Dale, and Patricia Sue Terry; step-sister Rachel Ann Wilson; as well as nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, step-grandchildren, and step-great grandchildren.

Donnie will be cremated, and buried at Bonnertown Cemetery, Tennessee.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Oh Uncle Donnie.... I'm very sad you left us. I never got to know you well, but I know you meant a ton to your Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters, wives and children. When our paths crossed, you were always very light- hearted with a giant grin on your face. You treated us like gold and I felt like you were glue that held the family together sometimes. Things weren't so serious.

Here we are today. I heard about your passing from my Auntie Brenda, your sister, and was asked to let my father, Jim, and the rest of the family know. I only wish the Terry's could move beyond their grudges. I wish we could cease to judge and love each other unconditionally. That is the true definition of family. I love you Uncle Donnie. You are gone, but will never be forgotten.

To the Terrys- tomorrow is not promised. Live and love today. We cannot change anything that happened in the past. We can only remain present.

Jimmy Terry - August 19, 2025 at 10:40 PM

PT

“ Donnie was one year older than me. We used to fight like cats and dogs when we were younger. Eventually we grew out of that and became pretty close. After Donnie moved to Alabama we didn't see each other much. Only when we would gather at our mom's house during holidays or vacation. My kids remember him as the funny uncle. We always had a good time when we were all together at our mom's house. I will miss you so much Donnie. I wish we had spent more time together. Rest in peace my brother.

Patricia Terry - August 17, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MO

“ Donnie was my brother-in-law for many many years. We always got along great. Every time he saw me, he would joke around and make me laugh. When he was with Big Fish Ministries he would always invite me to church. For several years I was Auburn fan lol so we had that in common. The main thing that we really had in common was our love for cats.!! he had the biggest Heart ❤️ when it came to his cats, especially BeBe!! he will be missed. May God rest his soul.! 🙏

Maureen Orr - August 16, 2025 at 04:10 PM

AP

“ My papa the only papa I knew honestly he was the best we miss you so so so so much over here kiba misses you so much he seems so sad kiba's my papa's dog they were like the best friends inseparable I feel kiba loved his family and friends he showed it he wouldn't mind giving you the shirt off his back ugh I miss the joking around the funny moments i still feel like all this is just a terrible nightmare I haven't awoken from yet I wish it was 💔 I love you dearly papa and king loves you too he loved my son so much 😭 make sure your watching over us papa we love and miss you ❤️ fly high papa

asia purdie - August 16, 2025 at 12:55 PM

BT

“ Donnie was my youngest brother. What I remember the most is all the Terry kids gathering around two heater vents on the floor. We would all lay very close to each other to get warm. That was probably the only time we got along when we were growing up. When Donnie was 18 he decided to live down in Alabama close to my Mom. That's were he met Lisa Messina and they were married. I only got to see Donnie on Holidays and vacations. But I do remember his bubbly personality. Always having a good time and laughing. He could make you laugh just like that. He will be missed. Donnie I hope you're at peace.
Love yah,
Brenda Kaye Terry-Nikkila

Brenda Kaye Terry-Nikkila - August 15, 2025 at 10:10 AM

RD

“ I've known Donnie since we were little kids, he lived across the street from me, I would say he was my first friend, growing up we did a lot together good and bad, lol I haven't seen Donnie in years but never forgot about him, Rest Easy Donnie. Your old friend Bob Dodge.



Robert A. Dodge - August 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LM

“ Donnie was my x-husband of 32 yrs. Donnie worked hard all his life. Clifton and Dennis Taylor were his bosses for 26 yrs. They loved him dearly. He had a room in my house which he shared with his son "Kiba" our beloved dog. He cared so much for him he told everybody he was his daddy. Due to my health he was such a blessing to be here to help me. I told him he would make somebody a good wife. He did a lot. I recently remember when he was sitting in a chair in my bedroom I said something funny that was on the TV. All of a sudden we were both laughing so hard it hurt. Also he stuck his head through the door, and said guess what I got you?? A salad. He was so excited and was always a giver. Even when money was tight he had a heart of gold and spoiled me and the grandkids. Donnie was in Big Fish where he studied the word, and was eager to go to church. He even got baptized in the Gulf of Mexico. Whenever miracles happened he would reach both arms in the air, look up and say "Thank you Jesus." I will always miss him, but when the Lord showed me that picture when he entered heaven I have a peace. God Bless Him. Prayers for all the family. Love, Lisa Messina

Lisa Messina - August 12, 2025 at 11:52 PM

RB

Donnie Terry was my ex brother in law I knew him for around 50 years never had anything bad to say about him I remember one time Donnie and Bob used to go in the field behind is house in Lockport start a small fire and then called the fire department a few times in one day .It was a sad day when I heard about Donnie, RIP Donnie

Ronald Brown - August 13, 2025 at 03:01 PM