



Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz

January 11, 1948 - January 17, 2023

Terrence “Terry” Walter Kusnierz, 75 of Elberta (formerly of Chicago and Brookfield, IL) passed away peacefully on January 17, 2023. Terry was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Evelyn Kusnierz, and his in-laws Doug and Juanita Smith.

Terry spent a large part of his life on the basketball court. His early years were playing pick-up games on playground basketball courts with his lifelong best friends. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1966 where his official duty was a weapons mechanic assigned with the unenviable task of arming and disarming U.S. aircraft. His official duties were also complimented by his basketball skills as he was selected to the Japan Inter-Service Basketball league and earned a position on the Pacific Air Forces All-Star team travelling the world playing basketball. After serving in Vietnam, Terry returned home to Chicago, but was quickly recruited to Mississippi State University on a basketball scholarship. While at MSU, he was a two-time Academic All-Conference player. Terry boasted that his biggest accomplishment at MSU was meeting his beautiful wife, Cindy, who he was married to for 50 years. After graduating from MSU, Terry and Cindy moved to Chicago where Terry devoted his life to teaching and coaching basketball. In 2005, after 30 years, Terry retired from teaching. Terry and Cindy then moved to Elberta, AL. During retirement he enjoyed fishing, working in his yard and most of all doting on his granddaughters where he was often seen coaching them in basketball.

Terry is survived and missed by his loving wife, Cindy (nee Smith) Kusnierz; his two children: Brian (Kathy) Kusnierz and Kelly (Brian) Sims along with his four grandchildren: Molly, Haley, Colin and Carter; his siblings the late Larry (Rose) Kusnierz, Mary Ann (Clinton Melius) Morgan, Wally (Joan) and Jeff (Dawn) Kusnierz, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. The family sends sincere appreciation for Terry's countless neighbors and friends who have continued to visit, call, and pray for Terry and his family.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, January 27, 10 a.m. until time of service, 11 a.m. with Military Honors at Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (3033 Wilson Blvd, Ste 300, Arlington, VA 22201) www.vvmf.org/give-to-vvmf/ or Alzheimer's Association Alzheimer's Association | Donate to Fight Alzheimer's Disease (225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601).<http://www.alz.org/donate>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home
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Post Office Box 328
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
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<http://www.pinerestfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

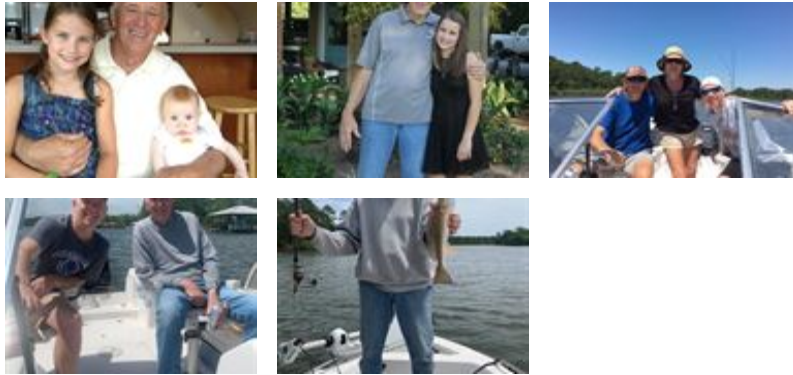


“ *Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - January 27, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *One of the best men I've known. Also one of the best coaches I ever had, in any sport. He was a strong role model at a critical time in my life. So grateful. Thank you Coach!*

John Musachio - January 26, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz.*



January 25, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz.*



January 25, 2023 at 03:04 PM



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January 24, 2023 at 05:01 PM



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January 24, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *I met Terry when he and Cindy first moved to Elberta and we shared many fishing stories over the years. I never knew him to be anything but a kind, caring gentleman and never heard him say anything bad about anyone. I believe that to be the sign of a good and decent human being.*

Seth Phelps - January 22, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ Pat and Maryann Quevedo purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz.



Pat and Maryann Quevedo - January 20, 2023 at 09:34 PM

JA

“ Mr. Kuznierz / Coach always had a smile on his face, aside from the times on the field when we were slacking and he was intent on helping push us to our full potential. He always felt like a protector. Can't imagine how much he will be missed by those closest to him. Sending love.

Jackie - January 20, 2023 at 07:34 PM

AW

“ Cindy, I remember when we all first met at Miss. State. Seems like such a short time ago and yet, it has been a long time. I am so heartbroken for you and your family! My prayers are with you all as you search for peace. All my love, sweet friend!

Ava Williams - January 20, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr Terrence Walter Kusnierz.



January 20, 2023 at 03:32 PM