



Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.

September 28, 1937 - October 22, 2022

Lonnie Thomas Terry, Jr., 85, of 207 Music St South, Gretna, VA, went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at his residence.

Lonnie was born in Pittsylvania County, VA on September 28, 1937, a son of the late Lonnie Thomas Terry, Sr. and Mattie Neal Terry.

Lonnie was a 1959 graduate of Lynchburg College with a B.A. Degree, he then joined the United States Army in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1964. After his time in the service, he went on to further his education by obtaining his Master of Arts Degree from the University of Virginia in 1968 and continued advance studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He went on to teach for the Pittsylvania County School System at Gretna High School for 43 years until his retirement. While teaching at Gretna H.S. he had the yearbook dedicated to him in 1978, and was named teacher of the year, 1991 to 1992. He went on to serve as an adjunct for Danville Community College.

He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church of Gretna, VA where he was a member of the choir.

On August 7, 1971, Lonnie married Brenda Joyce Parker Terry, who survives of the residence.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his son, Nicholas Thomas Terry of Gretna, VA; his cousin, Barbara Bradley; and his faithful companion, Jamie.

Lonnie was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Carroll Terry.

A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Highland Burial Park with the Reverend Jason Andrews officiating. The music selections will be provided by Pastor Hosub Sung. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Army.

The family will be at the residence, 207 Music St South, Gretna, VA 24557.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Terry family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I remember Mr. Terry well as a teacher. I also loved their house at Christmas and I remember when they first remodeled the house and had open house it was a beautiful house and their son was a wee one at that time. I always had much respect for Mr. Terry.

Janice Keesee - October 30, 2022 at 04:20 PM

AW

“ As a student of Mr. Terry's, I hated him because I was not up the high standards of knowledge he set for his students, because I was ignorant of the need for a good foundation of American history. In hindsight I wish we had more teachers like him, although we had many at Gretna S.H. Now I can say with all remorse, I did not know him but realize he will be missed by all in the Gretna community. God rest his soul.

Albert Wilson - October 28, 2022 at 06:23 AM

MS

“ It was a joy to have you as a teacher at GHS. Thank you for pushing me to do more than I believed I could, even if that sometimes meant I needed to visit Thomas Jefferson or the Rocky Mountains. You will be missed.

Matthew W Scruggs - October 27, 2022 at 01:27 PM

MS

“ Matthew W Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.



Matthew W Scruggs - October 27, 2022 at 01:26 PM

DB

“ *Debra Haley Blake lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.*



Debra Haley Blake - October 26, 2022 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ *Sorry for the loss of Mr. Terry. Prayers for all during this time of sorrow.*



Colleen Hardy - October 26, 2022 at 03:39 PM

MK

“ *Rest In Peace Mr Terry.. prayers for the family he was my history teacher 1993-1994*



Melissa Patterson Kirby - October 26, 2022 at 02:55 AM

KP

“ *Mr. Terry was my History teacher 1975-1976 at Gretna Sr. High School. He had high standards & expected all students to follow his standards. He is one of few teachers from Gretna that I remember with great fondness. I am sorry for the loss his family has to face. RIP.*



Katie Galvin Pulley - October 25, 2022 at 11:34 PM

RW

“ *Rosa Witcher lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.*



Rosa Witcher - October 25, 2022 at 06:56 PM

PW

“ *Thinking of you Joyce and lifting you up in prayer that God will be extra close in the days ahead.*

Trish Woodie

PATRICIA WOODIE - October 25, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr..*



October 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM

TW

“ *Trish Woodie lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.*



Trish Woodie - October 25, 2022 at 09:00 AM

MT

“ *Michael Towler lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Thomas Terry Jr.*



Michael Towler - October 24, 2022 at 04:26 PM

RH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Terry. He was one of my favorite teachers ever and was always such a nice man. Loved his house at Christmas, was always do pretty. Till we meet again!!*

Regina Jones Harris - October 24, 2022 at 03:22 PM

CG

“ *So sad to hear of Mr. Terry's passing. He was my Government teacher at Gretna. Sending prayers to the family 🙏🙏🙏*

Carolyn Gregory - October 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM

TW

“ *I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Terry, he was such a special teacher to me, I loved his class and was always impressed with the way he dressed. He gave his students his best and expected the same from us. May God bless you Joyce and Nicholas and may you rest assured that your husband and father was a wonderful man loved by so many.*

Twila Wyatt - October 24, 2022 at 02:31 PM

GA

“ *The Class of 1961 was the first class in US History at GHS that had the great Mr. Terry. He challenged us and we knew he meant business and really cared about our acquiring knowledge. He got us prepared for whatever future we may choose. When I got to college, I was so glad that I had his class with his methods of instruction. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you, Joyce and Nicholas.*

Gail - October 24, 2022 at 08:52 AM

JD

“ *I had Mr. Terry as my History teacher and both of my children had him also; I was in the class of 1973. I'm not sure any of his students really appreciated what a great teacher he was until after you got out of his class- he was one of the best. Very few teachers have the dedication that he did. He will be missed by all who were privileged to know him and have him as a teacher. May God comfort his family and friends during this difficult time.*



Jean Dalton - October 24, 2022 at 08:33 AM

LR

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Terry's passing. Everyone who knew him loved him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Laura Rowland - October 24, 2022 at 05:57 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, may God comfort you in this painful time. Mr. Terry was the BEST teacher I ever had (class of 1972), he gave respect and demanded respect form all his students. The lessons I learned from him made me a better person today. I wish we had teachers like him today. May he RIP knowing the world is better off today, because he cared enough about his students to teach them the value of RESPECT !

Mike Yates

Mike Yates - October 23, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ Sincerest sympathy to Jpyce and Nick for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

martha smith - October 23, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss I can still remember how happy you both when you got married

Virginia Worley Rowland - October 23, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ Phyllis Hall Word---Barksdale
Mr. Terry was my history teacher in (1975-1976).He was firm and highly respected. He wanted the best for his students and he expected that.Mr. Terry's teaching was not in vain. To the Terry family, you have my sincere condolences and know that Mr. Terry was loved at GHS,CLASS of 1977.

Phyllis Hall Word-Barksdale - October 23, 2022 at 07:59 PM

KT

“ Mr. Terry believed I could be successful and because he believed in me, I started believeing in myself. I am thankful for each day I spent in his class. He had high expectations but was willing to assist you in any way. Rest In Peace Mr. Terry and know you made a difference in your students' lives.

Kaye Midkiff Thomas - October 23, 2022 at 05:40 PM

MD

“ It was very sad news to hear of the passing of Mr. Terry. He was my teacher in h 1979-1980 History class at Gretna High School. He was a wonderful teacher that truly cared about his profession and his students. We had many socials that if it hadn't been for him and a few others, we would not have had. My prayers are with his family. May God wrap you in his arms right now.
Michelle R. Dalton



Michelle Dalton - October 23, 2022 at 05:33 PM

SO

“ My condolences to the family. I had Mr. Terry for history and my oldest son was lucky enough to also have him before he retired. Mr. Terry was respected as a great teacher but also beloved by his students. He was a legendary teacher at Gretna High and will be missed by those lucky enough to have known him.

Shirley Orrell - October 23, 2022 at 05:26 PM

FA

“ So very sorry for your loss. i was in Mr Terry’s History class at Gretna Sr. High. He was a tough teacher and definitely wanted each of us to succeed. I remember him having a sense of humor, but we only saw it once in awhile. He was
A GREAT teacher. Blessings to your family.

farmerbelinda63@gmail.com - October 23, 2022 at 05:24 PM

ST

“ My condolences and prayers to the Terry family. They were members of my home church, Zion United Methodist, and I enjoyed many Sundays listening to the choir.
My prayers are with all who loved and admired Lonnie.

Susie Talbott

Susie Talbott - October 23, 2022 at 05:01 PM

FJ

“ It was very sad news to hear of the passing of Mr. Terry. I had the privilege to be in his 1979-1980 History class at Gretna High School. He was a wonderful teacher that truly cared about his profession and his students. My prayers are with his family. Thank you, Mr. Terry.

Frank M. “Marty” St. John - October 23, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KT

“ I know the Angel Choir in heaven is rejoicing to have Mr. Terry as a choir member. I enjoyed his singing at Zion Church so much-- especially, "O Holy Night".

Kay Andrews Thompson - October 23, 2022 at 04:34 PM

PC

“ My memories of Mr. Terry go back many, many years as I remember when he was my teacher in high school. He was a good teacher and always tried to help us be the best students we could be. I am not sure we put as much effort in being good students as he did being a good teacher, but we all accomplished our goals. Mr. Terry cared about his students and wanted all of us to be successful. I appreciate the time and effort he put forth in helping us learn and do our best. To Joyce and Nick, I am sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God will give you strength and comfort at this time.

Paula Cocks - October 23, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JH

“ Our memories go back years. So much laughter and love from our babies and beyond. He was loved. Our thoughts and prayers to Joyce and Nicholas.

Jimmy and Jackie Hunt - October 23, 2022 at 03:04 PM

RJ

“ Our sincere condolences to Mr. Terry's family. He was my GHS History teacher in 1968 and was exceptional at his profession. He was strict but fair to his students. You found out very quick that when he told the class to read "x" number of chapters in preparation for the next class you'd better do the reading because he would quiz his students on it. He called each of his students Mister or Miss and their last name. I talked to him a few months ago on the phone and asked him how he came about calling his students by Mister and Miss. He explained that when he was teaching community college (at DCC I think) most of his students were older than he so he called them mister or miss and just kept doing it for his high school students. I had a lot of very good teachers at Gretna High School but would have to rank Mr. Terry among the top. RIP Mr. Terry and as a veteran I also thank you for your service to our nation.

Richard "Rick" Jefferson - October 23, 2022 at 02:58 PM

LI

So sorry to hear of Mr. Terry's passing. He was the hardest teach I ever had! He was definitely dedicated to his work and wanted the best for his students. Thoughts and prayers are with his family..

Linda Irvin - October 24, 2022 at 10:21 AM

DP

Nick and Joyce, I am sorry for your loss. he was a great teacher as well as person. My prayers and thoughts are with you both.

Donald Pippin - October 24, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SR

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family from the family of Harvie and Mary Riddle. Love, Pattie Joyce Riddle Davis and Sue Riddle

Susan Riddle - October 24, 2022 at 06:41 PM