



Terence Clinton Merrick

June 18, 1945 - January 25, 2022

Terence "Terry" Clinton Merrick, the oldest Disney Kid around, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan died January 25, 2022. Terry, 76, was born June 18, 1945 in Charlotte to Jesse James and Lenora June (Friar) Merrick. Terry was the family touch stone, THE guy, very smart, with a wonderful and rich sense of humor. He graduated from Battle Creek Central in 1963, was a First-Class Petty Officer and Fire Control Technician in the US Navy, and loved piloting his own aircraft. He was an award winning golfer, a fisherman, a bowler with a couple of 300 games; enjoyed boating, camping, MSU and Lions football, Euchre and Poker, playing piano. He enjoyed it all. He made numerous videos and loved editing. Terry graduated from Cooley Law School in 1981, and became a Private Attorney. He retired as a Judge with the State of Michigan. Terry married Charlene Kae (Himeline) in 1999 and were married for fourteen years. He absolutely loved going to Disney and traveled there more than 40 times with his family.

Terry is survived by his children, James Todd Merrick, Jeffery Dean (Terri) Merrick, Jesse Allan (Skye) Merrick; grandchildren, Shelby, Brody, Avery, Elle, and Theodore; great-grandchildren, Cooper and Jackson; sister, Linda (Herbert) Brizendine; nephews, Matthew (Lisa) Brizendine, Nicholas (Kelly) Brizendine; and many special friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Charlene; parents; and brother, Tim Merrick.

Friends are encouraged to support Terry's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral Services are Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Richie Thomas officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 10-11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI. The family is also planning a Summer Celebration of Life for Terry. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Terry's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Dexter Lake Church in Battle Creek. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Terence Clinton Merrick*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 01, 2022 at 09:53 AM

DH

God Speed and following seas! Will miss your wit and prescene David Hinline Brother to Charlene

David Allen Hinline - February 01, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RO

Beautiful. Simply beautiful. He'd be proud. God bless and keep you family. He's home safe. Bob and June Rozell

Rozell's - February 01, 2022 at 11:53 AM

PM

Well done. Enjoyed hearing the kind words about Terry. I didn't know about all of those interesting, amazing traits and talents! So interesting.

Patricia McAllister

Patricia McAllister - February 04, 2022 at 01:05 AM

MP

*What a Brilliant Tribute to a Brilliant person!
Superb job Butch and Lonnie, thank you Linda for helping me find the video.*

Michael Pryor

Michael Pryor - February 12, 2022 at 10:36 PM



Love you Dad, Miss you every day. Wish we could hit up Disney just one more time together

Jess Merrick - July 02, 2022 at 03:13 PM

DH

“ *Terry joined our Family marrying my oldest Sister and loving her for all the time they had. Sadly Charlene proceeded him in joining Our Father in Heaven. He loved her with all his heart and made her happy! Good Journey Brother in law hope Dan and Char have met you*

David Allen Hinline - February 01, 2022 at 10:35 AM

David
Rahl

“ I met Terry almost 30 years ago when his son, Jesse, became my first and (still) best friend, back in Kindergarten at Northwestern Elementary in Eaton Rapids. The first time I went over to Terry's house to play with Jess, Terry welcomed me into his home like family. Through the years, I spent many a sleepover at Terry's home, and that friendship and familial feeling never faltered. Jesse and I spent long hours playing together in Terry's home and yard. One day, Jess and I found an old toy corvette in the shed, the kind a kid would ride around in. In our "tween" years, Jess and I would take turns riding it down the hill at Terry's house, or dragging it (and its rider) behind a go-kart. Terry filmed it all, smiling and laughing the whole time. He was always friendly and fair. He followed right along as Jesse and I joined band together, filming every parade, concert, and halftime show, and of course, coming along with us when we had the distinction of marching in Magic Music Days at Disney World. Terry was always immensely proud of Jesse, and the two shared an amazing bond. The most incredible compliment he ever paid me was to tell me how happy he was that I was Jesse's friend, and that he considered me to be family. I will Terry, and my heart aches more than I can say in simple words. Terry, you were an amazing man...a gentleman, a scholar, a father, a mentor, and my friend.

David Rahl - February 01, 2022 at 10:24 AM

YH

“ Your Family at HCI purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Terence Clinton Merrick .



Your Family at HCI - January 28, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terence Clinton Merrick .*



January 28, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *I'll forever smile at how many photos Terry and I have taken of this scene in the Smoky Mtns each time there with Sis Linda & Herb! Sunsets will be your God Wink to me!*



Barb Jones - January 28, 2022 at 03:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Terence Clinton Merrick .*



January 28, 2022 at 12:33 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Terence Clinton Merrick .*



January 27, 2022 at 10:47 PM