



Terry Dean Southerly

September 9, 1943 - October 15, 2020

Terry Dean Southerly, a generous and loving, father, grandfather and friend, died Thursday, October 15, 2020. Terry, 77, formerly of Potterville, MI, was born September 9, 1943, in Kenton, OH, the son of Harold and Cleota (Layton) Southerly. Following graduating from Kenton High School Terry proudly served his country in the Army as a Med Evac Medic in the Vietnam War. On September 21, 1963 Terry married his high school sweetheart Phyllis Gordon. The couple would relocate to Lansing and start their legacy together. Terry worked at General Motors as a Pipe Fitter for 30 plus years, until his retirement in approximately 1996. He was a very generous man who devoted his life to others. Terry took it upon himself each year at Christmas to serve as a secret Santa in Potterville. He also lived for the surprise factor for his grandchildren. Terry was an avid archery shooter, he competed in numerous tournaments around the state and was very successful. He also enjoyed bowling and shooting pool. No matter the sport or hobby he went above and beyond. This was a value he instilled in his children. Competitions were part of Terry's life because he also competed in fishing tournaments. Fishing was always about looking for the next big fish. Terry enjoyed hunting as well, he looked forward to yearly deer camp. Above all Terry loved his family and being able to pass down to them his passion and love for others.

Terry is survived by his sons, Troy (Shannon Combs) Southerly and Jay Southerly; grandchildren, Turner Southerly, Madison Southerly, Isabelle

Robinson and her mother Laurie Robinson; sisters, Carol Louise Bradwel, and Betty Jean Simmons; and many nieces and nephews; caregiver and loving friend, Keeley Coon. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Phyllis; and his parents.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Eaton County Humane Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Terry on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. 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

Interment

JUN 26. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Charmagne B lit a candle in memory of Terry Dean Southerly*



Charmagne B - June 23, 2025 at 11:05 AM

JK

“ *John Kurecka*

I value the many good memories of working with Terry at Oldsmobile. A true gentleman and a pleasure to be with. RIP.

John Kurecka

John Kurecka - October 17, 2020 at 07:53 AM

TG

“ *Tom Gilliam*
Worked with Terry for a lot of years, may he RIP!

Tom Gilliam - October 16, 2020 at 10:10 PM

SA

I worked with a Terry's wife Phyllis for many years and she dearly loved her husband and family! Prayers for the family!
Sandy Aguirre

Sandy Aguirre - October 16, 2020 at 11:59 PM

DG

Work with Terry at Olds, was also his neighbor for years. Terry was A good guy always willing to help he will be missed

Donald Glass - October 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM



Terry was a friendly, wonderful man. It was a pleasure working with him.

Lee Thelen - October 18, 2020 at 08:23 AM