



Matthew S. Terry Sr.

December 1, 1968 - January 7, 2026

Matthew S. Terry, Sr.

“Matt”

Age 57, of Braidwood, IL, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Matt was born on December 1, 1968, in LaSalle, Illinois, to Stephen and Patricia (née Christensen) Terry. On November 6, 1999, he married Lorann Kotek, and together they shared many years of life, family, and memories. Matt was a member of Local 75 and was employed as a Superintendent of Safety with Kiewit.

In his free time, Matt found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, and faithfully cheering on his favorite Chicago teams, the White Sox, Blackhawks, Bears and Bulls. He loved traveling and was always excited by the chance to experience somewhere new. Matt was known for his generous nature and, most of all, for the deep love he had for his family. They were his greatest joy, and his absence leaves a profound emptiness in the lives of those who loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lorann, and his cherished children, Kristin (Jason) Durkin of Shorewood, IL, Jade Urban of Streator, IL, Teagan Urban of Braidwood, IL, Matthew Terry, Jr. of Germany, and Kiley (Marshall) Nass of Missouri. He was a proud and loving grandfather to his grandchildren, Cameron, Gabe, Kinsley, and Blake Durkin, and Addie Phillips, and was looking forward with great joy to the arrival of another grandchild, Baby Nass,

expected in July. Also surviving are his sisters, Patti (Frank) Sistik of South Wilmington, IL, and Leslie (Tim) Tresch of Utah; his mother-in-law, Mary Kotek of Braidwood, IL; and his lifelong friends, Mark Olsen, Kelly Lardi, and Adam Phillips.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Robert Kotek.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory. Following visitation, cremation rites will be accorded. For more information and to visit Matt's online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lori & family. I am so very sorry to hear this unimaginable loss you are enduring. Prayers for comfort & peace to you all!* ”

Tiffany Votta - January 13 at 06:21 AM



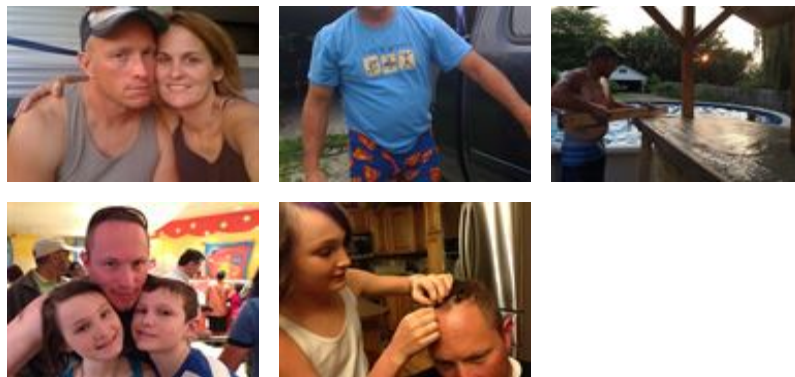
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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - January 12 at 11:05 AM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - January 12 at 09:38 AM

LD

“ *My most sincere condolences to Matt's Family and Friends and praying for you to be conformed. It was a privilege to work for Matt. Never putting himself on a pedal stool above anyone and no task was beneath him. Couldn't ask for a better approach from a boss putting himself at everyone's level. Know that you can be proud of who he was and the impression Matt has left. Solid dude. He will be missed.* 🙏💔

Lisa Dalton - January 12 at 03:14 AM

BK

“ *Matt was a great man. I worked with him on 3 jobs with Kiewit. He would do anything for anyone and he will be greatly missed. I send my condolences to his family and friends.*

Brian Kennedy - January 10 at 11:57 AM

RE

“ *Rodney Ellis lit a candle in memory of Matthew Terry*



Rodney Ellis - January 10 at 10:41 AM

JT

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Terry family on this very difficult, unexpected loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

Joe & Pam Turk - January 10 at 10:03 AM

MG

“ I worked with Matt, a fellow Laborer. . He was one heck of a hard worker, it was a pleasure to have worked along side of Matt. I sure am sad to hear of his passing. . Sending sincere, condolences to Matt's family, loved ones and friends.

Mike Grieff - January 09 at 08:45 PM

RT

“ Lori and family, my heart breaks for you. Matt was truly a wonderful person, and he will always be remembered for the kindness he shared with everyone around him. Holding you all close in my thoughts.

Renee Thompson - January 09 at 06:43 PM

AS

“ Angie Savage lit a candle in memory of Matthew Terry



Angie Savage - January 09 at 03:40 PM

CJ

“ Matt was one of the toughest men I've ever know and a top notch man I'll always cherish the friendship we had rip ol buddy

Calvin Jordan - January 09 at 03:20 PM

SS

“ So many collective memories growing up with the Terry clan!! I don't remember a time when we all didn't have fun together!! Either at reunion's, celebrations, or parties there was a feeling of unity!! I still feel it today!! I loved spending the night at y'all's home, and I cherish those memories!! He will be missed, but I know he was loved by all!! All my love Stacey (Terry) Small

Stacey Small - January 09 at 03:08 PM