



Terry L. Cerutti, Sr.

June 4, 1951 - December 14, 2023

Age 72, passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at home in Diamond, IL after a very brief battle with liver cancer. Born June 4, 1951 in Joliet, IL to Albert and Rita (nee Herman) Cerutti of South Wilmington, IL. Fresh out of high school, Terry enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the 101st Airborne Division, "Screaming Eagles" in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star for bravery, among other medals. After his time in the service he married Connie Shelton on July 20, 1974 at the Braceville United Methodist Church and also began his 28 year working career as a chemical operator at Mobil Chemical and Cabot Microelectronics Corporation. He knew how difficult and dangerous it can be to serve our country. He would help any military person in any manner he was able. He was the former commander of VFW Post 5422, a place which held his heart. Terry was instrumental in running the Queen of Hearts event there. Even from his hospital bed, he gave directives for the event. He was the "King" of the Queen of Hearts. Terry also was a member of the American Legion Post 191 in Wilmington. He was blessed to be able to participate in the Honor Flight Chicago trip to Washington D.C. in 2022 on his and Connie's 48th wedding anniversary. As many know, Terry loved the casinos and all his "free" trips and "stuff" he accumulated through his casino hobby. In his words, he always "broke even". More than anything, Terry loved his family. They hold memories of family cruises and most recently, in December 2022, he and Connie celebrated an early 50th anniversary trip to Disney World with their kids and grandkids which left memories that will be

cherished forever. He will be remembered as a big guy with an even bigger heart.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Connie (nee Shelton) Cerutti; daughter, Buffie (Nick) Stewart of Chugiak, AK; son, Terry Cerutti, Jr. "T.C." of Coal City; grandsons, Jacob Cerutti, Wylee Stewart and Sawyer Stewart; sister-in-law, Mary Lynn Cerutti; as well as numerous nieces, cousins and a multitude of good friends made through his involvement with the VFW and American Legion. A lover of all animals, Terry is also survived by his dogs, Sadie and Koda, as well as his stray cat he adopted, Oreo. He could not turn his back on any stray that showed up over the years whether it was a cat or even a rabbit. Preceding him in death were his parents; and brother, James Cerutti.

Funeral services will be held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm with the visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Interment will immediately follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL . Memorial donations may be directed to the VFW Post 5422 Honor Guard.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My sincerest sympathy to the Cerutti family.*

John Dite - December 19, 2023 at 12:34 PM

TI

“ *Theresa Ingram lit a candle in memory of Terry Cerutti,*



Theresa Ingram - December 19, 2023 at 12:29 AM

TI

“ *What an impact he made on so many! I was just a local girl who served home his fries, sometimes ice cream, blue raspberry slushy and his Diet Coke!! He was also so generous supporting my girls in their softball ☐ fundraisers. He was so proud of his family and he will be missed ! I was so lucky to cross paths with him. Connie lots of hugs and unknown my dad greeted him with open arms 😊.*

Theresa Ingram - December 19, 2023 at 12:28 AM

JA

“ *Connie, Buffy and T.C., we are sorry to hear of Terry's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*
John and Anita Arthur

John Arthur - December 18, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - December 18, 2023 at 05:39 PM

LR

“ Spent many an hour, in crystal synthesis control room listening to vietnam stories. He died way too soon! RIP

larry readman - December 18, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Terry L. Cerutti, Sr..



December 17, 2023 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear about Terry. He was a very special person to everyone who knew him. Sending prayers to Connie and his family and friends. RIP Terry

Mary Chaney - December 16, 2023 at 09:22 PM

PL

“ Patricia lohmar lit a candle in memory of Terry Cerutti,



Patricia lohmar - December 16, 2023 at 04:48 PM

BK

“ I'll never forget when Terry asked me to come visit a meeting to talk about K9's For Veterans Outreach. He and some of his fellow members came to visit our offices at the then former Reed Custer Elementary School. He really believed in our mission to help Veterans with service animals and provide services to our fellow veterans. Terry will always be remembered as an amazing man, husband and father, as well as a Veteran Brother. I'll personally miss all he did for his fellow Veterans. God Bless to the family and multitude of friends of this great Veteran. In Jesus name, Amen.

Bruce "Ty" Keller - December 16, 2023 at 02:06 PM

CA

“ Rest in Peace.

Carrie - December 16, 2023 at 01:44 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album queen of hearts



kathryn keller - December 15, 2023 at 11:50 PM

CK

“ So sad to hear about Terry. He was a great guy and will be missed by all. Janet and I were blessed to have him as a friend. Prayers to everyone in the family.

Craig King - December 15, 2023 at 05:31 PM

KK

“ Terry, thanks for the laughs, arguments, driving me crazy on Tuesdays, throwing coasters at me. Thankyou for being you. It was an honor to know you and call you friend. Thankyou for your service in the Army and at the VFW. Rip DA!!!! Had to say it one more time

Kathryn Keller - December 15, 2023 at 05:10 PM

CB

“ We loved and adored Terry so much. He will be missed more than words can describe.



Carole Basile - December 15, 2023 at 04:21 PM