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Terry L. De Rousse passed away, ironically, on April 1, 2026. He was known for his pranks, corny jokes and fiercely generous and easy-going nature. In his final days, his favorite Hospice nurse, Karen would ask him if he was in any pain and he would slowly lift his arm and point his finger at his innocent, loving wife Linda. All of his favorite Hospice team members, Erin and Jennifer LOVED that joke as he would do it every single time they came for 15 months.

He was born June 12, 1948, to Calvin and Luella De Rousse in Saint Louis, Missouri, home to his favorite baseball team the St Louis Cardinals. He had 2 sisters, Norvella and Jackie and 2 brothers Lawrence and Butch. Terry was the last one living amongst them. He later moved to Miami, FL where he met a spitfire named Linda, who slapped his face for saying something “fresh” and Terry was smitten. They were married for 56 years (she could have killed him and served less time...LOL). They then had 2 children: Terrance and Jennifer. They had SO many wonderful memories with friends and family in all the places they lived in: Miami, North Lauderdale, Rocky Mount NC and lastly in Palm Coast.

Terry loved strangers, food and his work. If you sat next to Terry anywhere in public, he was going to start talking to you. He needed to know where you were from, where you lived now, and if you were married or had kids. His conversations always ended with an encouraging gem from the Bible. He was a faithful Jehovah’s Witness until his death. Terry loved to eat. (Just ask McDonalds) He was always first in line at all food involved gatherings and of course he was going to chat up the person next to him. He despised all “green stuff” which basically was a cover statement for all vegetables in general. He loved his work as an A/C heating guy for over 50+ years. He always jumped to help anyone who needed A/C on a hot day and volunteered on many construction projects for Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Even when he got home, he loved to work on projects. He would not accept that something wasn’t fixable. His daily phrase at work or home when he fixed something was “That’ll work” or “That ain’t going nowhere.”



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Terry will be greatly missed by Linda, Terrance and fiancé Holli, Jennifer and husband Shawn Cunningham, brother-in law Joey and ALL of the rest of his surviving family, friends, and many food establishments.

Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service is assisting the family with the arrangements.



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Holli Oakes posted:

I remember several years back on a trip to Utah he got into a debate about music and his dislike for a certain type of music. He ended up stating loudly that he was in fact a "rock star" and that was that. He would always call me George even when we both knew he knew who I really was so I became George and it became a running joke ❤️

April 5 at 8:33 PM



Holli Oakes posted:

I remember on our trip to Utah a few years back he was talking about music and dislike for a certain type of music in particular and he insisted that he was a "rock star" 😊 He would always call me George when I asked him if he remembered me. He'd say George even when him and I both knew he knew what my name really was. It became a running joke. So I became George

April 5 at 8:29 PM



Faye Sacia posted:

Whenever my husband, Dennis, and I would travel. We always had to leave home very early, and without fail at around 5:30 or 6 AM Dennis would butt dial Terry. I never slip my phone into a bag or my pocket without wondering if I will dial Terry DeRousse. I love all of you in the DeRousse family, and I know the world will be a less happy and friendly place without hm. Lots of 😭💜😊 Faye sacia

April 3 at 7:00 PM



Stuart Chamberlin Sr. posted:

I had the pleasure of working with and learning from Terry for a number of years. But we had the most fun together on the Griffen road assembly hall project.

April 3 at 6:19 PM



Tally's Mobile Marine Inc. posted:

Terry

April 3 at 12:08 PM



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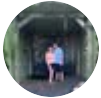
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Tally's Mobile Marine Inc. posted:

There are so many things to remember and hold my heart about TerryJust too that I will share today1. The day that Jen and SEAN got married Terry brought in McDonald's just for the wedding party at the reception. He was never short on gestures and humor, always so kind and funny. 2. The other is the convention reminders talk that he gave one year. How he prepared and did that talk was so real and entertaining how he got the audience involved. It's something that will stick with me for the rest of my life and every year I always think about that talk when I hear the regional reminders. There are so many things Terry has done in my life to help me spiritually in the congregation. He also taught me that you could have humor. And still be an excellent shepherd in the congregation. Look forward to seeing him in the new system and telling him stories and having him laugh at me with disbelief as always

April 3 at 12:06 PM



Sarah Rominger shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am so sorry to hear of this news. Terry was a huge part of my childhood, being such close friends with my parents. I have so many memories of Disney trips, Mountains, etc. with multiple other families too. This is just one (of probably hundreds!) of the photos of both families. Oh, and we will always remember Terry when we get the opportunity to re-hang the "Joy Joy! It's a Boy! They said he couldn't do it!" sheet sign in the front yard when one of the Rominger's finally births a BOY! 😂 (So far, we are still 5-0) Yes, we still have the sheet sign he made! Sending hugs and Praying for comfort for his family. 🙏❤️



April 3 at 10:22 AM



Shawn Cunningham posted:

Terry stood up for me at the risk of something very important to him because he thought it wasn't right.

April 3 at 10:18 AM



Shawn Cunningham posted:

Not sure if it's a lesson so much as a trade. I learned to work on residential air conditioning from Terry.

April 3 at 10:17 AM



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Sophronia Beavers posted:

The beavers favorite memory is our trips in the so called pleasure van as Terry referred it as such. The last one was a short trip to the beach at 30 miles an hour (it wouldn't go any faster), the door was broken, brakes would lock up, it would shake when going down the road but somehow we made it to the beach and back. The pleasure was being with terry and Linda a memory that will always be remembered and laughed about.

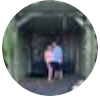
April 3 at 10:07 AM



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