



## Terence Smith

May 12, 1964 - April 8, 2020

Terry Smith, 55 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Born Tuesday, May 12, 1964 in Bayonne, New Jersey, where he was raised. Terry would go on to graduate from Bayonne High School, before earning his Bachelor's Degree from Jersey City State College.

It was in 1990 he would meet the love of his life, Susan Shivers. The couple knew they were meant for each other soon after meeting, and nine months later they were married. They would move to Old Bridge in 1993 where they raised their two sons. Terry was a loyal member of the Teamsters Local 863. He worked for Wakefern Food Corporation, in Elizabeth for 33 years. He gave 100% to the company and his coworkers. Terry was the First Shift Shop Steward in the Grocery Warehouse. He was on the front lines of the supply chain during this corona crisis and went the extra mile to ensure that all Shop Rite grocery stores were fully stocked with product and every Union member was represented. Even when he was feeling tired and wanted to rest he kept going because he knew people depended on him. He was that kind of selfless guy.

Terry loved sports and music. He was a fan of the Yankees and the Giants. He enjoyed watching their games every chance he could. He was also a big fan

of Pearl Jam. He attended every concert of theirs that he could and was a member of the fan club for many years. In his quiet time Terry could often be found watching YouTube videos for hours. He loved music videos, comedy clips, and concert footage. Terry loved enjoying a vanilla milkshake. He would go out on a late night snack run to pick one up and never forgot to get a treat for the rest of the family too. What Terry loved most of all was his family, traveling with them, and being around them. He was so proud of his sons. He will be missed by all those that loved him. He was the go-to guy of the family that never missed a birthday and made sure to show up at every life event and never made excuses. He was the rock of the family. Terry was the guy you called when you needed a godfather for your child or a prayer read before your wedding dinner. He went out of his way to make you feel comfortable & happy. He was a simple guy in a complicated world. If you were lucky enough to be part of his world you most likely considered him one of your best friends. He was the ultimate man of his word.

Terry is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years, Susan, by his loving sons, Devin Shane, and Dylan Reid, by his loving parents, Al and Lucia Tarasiewicz, Raymond Smith, his caring siblings, Linda Smith, Linda Montelione, and David Tarasiewicz, and by his loving niece Andrea Perrelli; who along with his wife Susan, he helped raise and was a surrogate father to.

A celebration of Terry's life will take place on Saturday April 9, 2022 between the hours of 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at the Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for funerals and cremation services. Located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, NJ 08857

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Terence Smith*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - April 08, 2022 at 06:12 PM

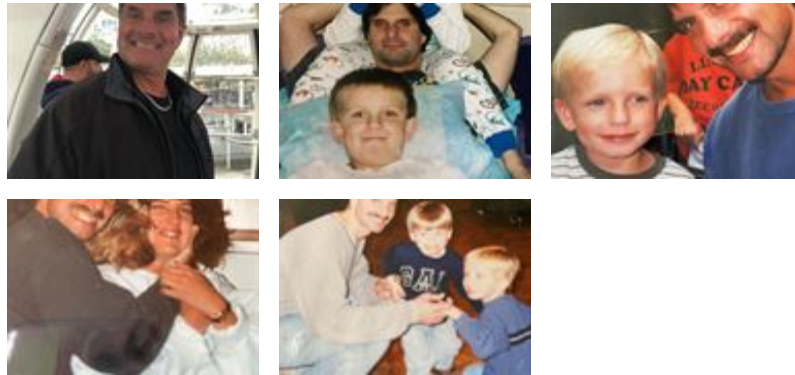


“ *Terence Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *17 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - April 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terence Smith.



April 08, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ I am so sorry my heart is broken . What a spunky and kind man. Made me laugh everytime I would see him. My condolences to the entire family. Sincerely Dawn Loporto RDH

Dawn Loporto - May 26, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ivan Sciberras - May 14, 2020 at 09:42 PM



Terry, may the Lord bless your generosity to our Food Pantry (here you are on your last visit in December) and grant solace to Sue and the boys. Fr. Ivan Sciberras, St. Peter's, Belleville, NJ.

Ivan Sciberras - May 14, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ So sorry to hear.....I can't believe we were just together in January watching football and now your gone.....you were a great guy.....

Joe Bawiec - April 18, 2020 at 09:23 PM

LS

“ Terry,

*I know it's been 15 years since we've last worked together, but I fondly recall our love and loyalty to OUR Fighting Irish of Notre Dame! My condolences and prayers go out to his family at this time with such a tragic loss.*

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**Larry A. Morgan, Sr.** - April 16, 2020 at 07:49 PM



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**Jeremy Davis** - April 13, 2020 at 08:08 PM

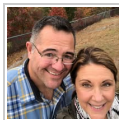


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**Jeremy Davis** - April 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM



*Happy childhood memories!*

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**Jeremy Davis** - April 13, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ Dear Terry,

*I didn't think that when I saw you at my wedding that it would be the last time I saw you. I also didn't think that when I spoke to you on Monday night April 6th would have been the last time that I spoke to you. I will miss our chats and texts; you never missed my birthday or any milestone. You were always there for me and my family offering support and unconditional love. There would be a quick call or text asking if everything was ok and it was always with care and concern. Furthermore you would listen and you would always remind me that everything was going to be ok . You have taught me a lot about life and how to live my life simply One day at a time. I will never forget all the family history that we shared . I always looked up to you and I will continue to look up to talk to you in heaven. I always admired your strength and courage especially in the toughest of times.*

*I still can't believe that you are gone. It will take a really long time to process this loss . You have always reminded me to keep my head high , look at the positive and keep moving forward. I will always be grateful for our loving relationship.*

*I love you 💔 your cousin Danielle*

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**Danielle Mazzoni** - April 13, 2020 at 06:40 PM

RC

“ Our dear Terry: So many years of memories we have to keep in our hearts. So many phone calls of wishing us a Happy Birthday or seeing if we are ok. Surprise visits. You are our true "Olympian" of faith & hope, love of family & friends. You found the treasures in this life time and now God needs you for another plan. In every phone call always at the end of our conversations (and they could be lengthy) your three ending words were "I love you". We will miss you everyday. One call years ago was to tell us you met a beautiful girl who works at the bank and then you said; "I am going to marry her"....and so you did. Years spent with wonderful Sue. A wonderful husband, father and friend. Our Champion Terence Smith. "We love you too" and will miss you everyday. Until we meet again....Aunt Roe and Uncle Sal

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**Rosemarie Cerniglia** - April 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM



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**Frankie Mark** - April 12, 2020 at 09:41 PM



An Honor to have a friend like you in my life. Such wonderful memories with our Bayonne/Woodrow Crew. Your journey is just beginning; as God has summoned you. Your positive energy will strike down from heaven to your family/friends. We are gifted to have another Guardian angel in our lives. You will always be in our hearts-Terry.

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**Frankie Mark** - April 12, 2020 at 09:45 PM

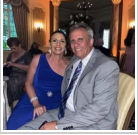
KS

“ CDC Dear Cousin Terry,  
Growing up I knew of you, there were years between us , I remember Grandma showing me Dylan and Devins Christmas cards proudly displayed on her wall and she'd say those are your cousins boys... I couldn't grasp how I had a cousin old enough to have boys around my age haha. You weren't old, not in actual age or spirit, a big kid, a wonderful, bright beautiful soul! Catching up with you was as if I had you at every holiday or like we spoke all the time. I am beyond grateful that you took the initiative to become closer. You clearly had the ability to light up any room you walked into and Sue, just the same. A beautiful couple. I will always think of you when Pearl Jam plays as I know you loved them. Rest easy , all my love,

Krystle "Little cuz"

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**Krystle Smith- Schoendorf** - April 12, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ My earliest memories of you was the school yard and stick ball. I would try to get there early on the weekend so I could watch you and Chris (aka Head) argue and fight almost all day. We would go up to Larry’s market at lunch time (and before that it was owned by Al perno) for a chicken role sandwich and an iced tea. As we traveled through life we would still bump into each other because we only lived a few blocks apart and we were always connected by our dads, Ray and Joe, who were firemen. I remember when I was playing a game for the football Spartans and you were holding the yard markers and told me I needed to run down the field and know the heck out of someone. I couldn’t wait to make the tackle so I could impress my old school yard buddy. I also remember playing tackle football in the school yard when it was snowing and you and joe Farley did a high low on Alfie and he was so pissed he wanted to kill you both. There are so many more stories to share and hopefully one day, I can share these memories with you again. We lost touch throughout the years and then reconnected on facebook. I remember how happy Annie was when you put her back in touch with your mom after too many years. I also remember when you posted some pictures with your sister, Linda, and her beautiful daughter. Everyone from the school yard was so excited to see her and know that she was doing well.

We tried to get together a few times recently. You asked to come to my daughter’s lacrosse game but something came up and you could not make it. You came to a few reunions with the old school yard gang recently and I could not make it. We tried to get together over the summer but I probably put it off for too long. In the end, Terry, you taught me one more great lesson...don’t take life for granted. Cherish the moments you have with loved ones because they will not last. Although it has been great to read so many stories about how you reconnected with so many people, I feel like I missed that opportunity to meet with you one more time.

Rest in peace, Terry. I hope you realize how important you were to everyone. Based upon the tribute I just read from your son, you and

*your wife raised some great boys. I hope I will get to meet them one day so I can share some of our stories. As everyone else has said, I was speechless when I heard you were gone. I still cannot believe I will not see you soon. Until we meet again, my friend.*

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**Joe Konopka** - April 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM

VC

“ *Thank you for the great talks we had my friend. It was so amazing to reconnect with you after so many years and we had so much in common and that one more important connection. So many people are going to miss you and that strong person you were for everybody. What I just read that was written about you was the truth of who you are and you went down fighting not only for yourself but for everyone. Rest easy my friend! Praying for Susan and the boys and the rest of your family. I'll keep everyone in my thoughts!*

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**Veronica Czerniawski** - April 12, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LS

“ *To the best brother anyone could ever have... anyone that knew us growing up in Bayonne at the Woodrow schoolyard or BHS would ever have thought that you would've been the one to go first. I will never understand why I am here without you but I promise you that I will spend the rest of my life honoring your memory and making you proud. The many life lessons you have taught me during your way too short time on this earth will carry us all through this dark time and lead us into the light. You will never ever be forgotten and Andrea and I will carry on in your honor. Our family will stick together and get through this time and emerge victorious. When I get down I will remember how hard it was many days for you but you always chose to do the right thing no matter what... you are the strongest person I ever met. I was in awe of you my entire life and I will miss and love you forever my brother. Love you so very much, Linda*

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**Linda Smith** - April 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JR

*So very sorry for your loss. I remember Terry so well from Blvd. Pool Day Camp. Such a nice guy ~ ALWAYS ! May he Rest In Peace. My heartfelt condolences to his wife & family and all of your family.*

**Jill Carine Ripp** - April 12, 2020 at 07:42 PM

LS

*“ I will always remember Terry as one of my day campers at the Blvd Pool Day Camp. I would pick him and his sister up on my bus run. Later he was a standout football player at BHS, where I got to watch him excel. To his family I hope that all of your fond and cherished memories of of Terry get you and your family through this most difficult time. May he Rest In Peace, Leo Smith*

**Leo Smith** - April 12, 2020 at 06:57 PM



*“ Dear Terry .... so glad we got time together as adult friends. I chased you for all nine years at Woodrow and it was nice that you stood still the past few years to meet my family and share about how much you loved yours. My heart breaks for all of us who loved you so . We will be challenged to hold ourselves together as you connected so many of us. God I am sure still has a special role for you. I love you my friend....Godspeed. Denise Konopka (Davis)*

**Jeremy Davis** - April 12, 2020 at 06:55 PM

LT

“ Dearest Terry, we are at peace knowing that you are in your eternal heavenly home now. All pain, suffering, & sadness taken from you by Jesus. You were God's gift to us for awhile here on earth, but belonging to him, he wanted you back. We are so thankful for having you in our lives. We love you so much. We promise to always keep you tucked safely in our hearts forever. Until we meet again, know that , in all we do going forward, we will honor you & the wonderful husband, father, son & faithful person that you are. You will be truly missed by all who knew you Rip, Terry. Love always, your loving family. 🕊️🙏💕😊❤️🌟🙌👍🌈xxxooo

Lucia Tarasiewicz - April 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM

RM

Lucille I'll be writing you my letter cause right now I just can't. I'm so heartbroken. I love you and most of all I loved Terry like a brother as I do Linda a sister. I have no words just know I love you all ❤️ Love rhonda zaleck moscatiello

rhonda zaleck moscatiello - April 12, 2020 at 06:47 PM

RM

I'll be writing that letter when I can actually bring myself to really face this I just can't right now my hearts in the right place my brain isn't

rhonda zaleck moscatiello - April 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM

RC

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**Rosemarie Cerniglia** - April 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM