



Homer Townes Terry

July 17, 1926 - September 12, 2019

Colonel Homer Townes Terry, age 93, passed away Thursday, September 12, 2019 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born on July 17, 1926 in Tahoka, TX, being the youngest of nine children to the late Charles Lafayette Terry and Lockey Belle Terry.

During his 32-year Army Air Corp and United States Air Force Career, Colonel Terry served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam where he flew 135 combat missions in the F105 Thunderchief. He completed his Air Force career leading the Integrated Logistics Support Team for the Air Force's F15 fighter and serving as its first systems manager when the F15 became operational. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Terry spent 10 years as an executive with the General Dynamics Corporation in San Diego California. Upon moving to Newnan, Georgia, Colonel Terry and his wife Patricia became active and beloved members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Additionally, he participated, for several years, in history classes at Newnan High School presenting students there with detailed briefings on his career and providing an understanding of the US Military's efforts in Vietnam and other military conflicts.

Along with his parents, Homer is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia McDowell Terry and son, Robert Terry. He is survived by his children, Richard Terry and his wife Vickie, William Terry and his wife Nancy; grandchildren,

Tara (Jason) Christian, Justin (Bethany) Terry, Ryan (Kammie Jo) Terry, Stephen (Christine) Terry, Johnathan Terry, David Terry and his daughter in law, Kathleen Brown Terry. He is also survived by his great grandchildren, Andrew, Katie, Ariel, Asher, Brooklyn, Kinsley and Graham.

The funeral service celebrating the life Homer lived is Friday, September 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 576 Roscoe Road, in Newnan with The Very Rev. Hazel Smith Glover officiating. Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 19th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Homer's name to The Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22313 or online at give.salvationarmyusa.org. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue
Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Homer Townes Terry.*



September 17, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *I served in the 34th as an F-105 Crew Chief at Korat Air Base and while I didn't know Homer I was familiar with him. Those were trying times as much of the country did not like us being in SEA nor understood the reasons why. I am a member of the River Rats and all the members who know him are saddened by his passing. Homer was a brave American hero who served his country well and will be greatly missed. God bless RIP.*



Thomas Bell - September 17, 2019 at 09:13 AM

SV

“ *Rich & Vickie and Family,*

My deepest condolences on the passing of Rich's father.

Rich, thank you for sharing a little about your Dad's background. I am sure he was also very proud of all you accomplished in your flying career and beyond.

Praying for peace and comfort for the extended Terry Family.

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Soman Thomas Varghese - September 16, 2019 at 09:05 PM

GC

“ *Greg & Michelle Cardis purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Homer Townes Terry.*



Greg & Michelle Cardis - September 16, 2019 at 05:10 PM

KM

“ *I was the squadron flight surgeon for his F105 squadron in Korat and came to know Homer well, then and at many reunions since. He was intelligent, dignified, and so very professional. (And professorial, with his pipe as his constant companion.) It was always so enjoyable to reconnect with him. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.*

Ken Singer

Ken Singer MD - September 16, 2019 at 10:22 AM

BA

“ My father LTC Bill "Augie" Augsburger, served with Col Terry in SEA in late 1966 to 1967. my dad spoke of Homer very often as he recollected his service days. He mentioned no one else more than Homer. My dad was sad when Homer fell ill and was worried about him until his death one year ago this week. I would have loved to have attended Col Terry's service to represent my dad's love for him, but alas, I am unable to. God speed Colonel and my prayers go out to loved ones and friends left behind .

Bill Augsburger - September 15, 2019 at 03:53 PM

RT

“ My Dad was a remarkable man. The only one of his 8 siblings to graduate from High School he went on to earn a Masters Degree in Engineering from Texas A&M University. After finishing pilot training he went on to fly more than a dozen aircraft of various types including 6 different jet fighters. He loved to tell the story of how his mother, Locky Belle, moved to Tahoka, Texas from Conroe, Texas in the early 1900s and lived long enough to see her youngest son fly a jet airplane! He will be sorely missed by his entire family but he was at peace and not afraid of death. He knew that with his last breath he would be ushered into heaven to meet his Saviour Jesus Christ.

Rich Terry - September 14, 2019 at 11:44 AM