



Terry Allen Dawes

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Terry Allen Dawes, of Macomb, Michigan, passed away on March 27, 2021.

Beloved husband of Christine (nee: Van Overbeke.) Loving father of Emily (Joshua) Oldham and James (Elizabeth). Proud grandpa of Arwen. He is also survived by his mother, Cecile (nee: Hart) Harpster, siblings Christine (Tom) DiDonato, Joseph Dawes and Timothy (Kim) Dawes. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Laurence Duane Dawes.

Terry was born and raised in the Battle Creek area, and graduated from Gull Lake High School. He became a registered nurse and worked in a variety of health care settings while working his way through his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He attended Western Michigan University, where he met Christine, the love of his life. Naturally quiet and shy, Terry drummed up the courage to talk to Christine and their relationship blossomed from there. Terry and Christine married in 1990. Terry graduated with his law degree from Cooley Law School in 1993. He practiced medical malpractice law with excellence and ethics, spending most of his career with McKeen & Associates. When not practicing law, Terry spent time bicycling and with his family.

In keeping with Terry's wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

C(

“ I was just FB'ing Terry, 5 minutes ago, because I wanted to let him know my sister, Elana, passed away on 1/26. They had gone to high school together and we're good friends. I am so sorry to hear about his passing 😢 Too young.

Colleen Issa (Roelofs) - January 28 at 09:57 PM

RC

“ I'm just hearing of Terry's passing I was a paralegal at McKeen and Associates when I worked along Terry . He was a kind intelligent man with a gentle spirit and a cool demeanor I am saddened to hear of his passing. I send my sincerest condolences love and prayers to his family.

R. Coleman - January 10 at 12:25 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry to hear this even though it has been 25 years since Terry helped me through the loss of my Mother in 1999. He was my attorney and he was so good at his job. I was literally going to reach out to him, today, for a referral for a friend to learn this very sad news. RIP Terry

Angela - September 14, 2023 at 10:41 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for this late post but I just learned of Mr. Terry's passing; I was his legal secretary at McKeen and Associates and he was just an awesome Attorney and Friend. He was the first attorney who saw something in me and pushed me to be my very best. My prayers go out to his beautiful family who I had the pleasure of meeting a few times.

Betty Bryant - September 02, 2022 at 07:22 PM

GM

“ I just learned of Terry's passing. I was a law clerk and Bleakley & McKeen when I met him. He was a great mentor. He took the time to help and explain things to us law clerks. He made a lasting impression on us all. I recently reached out to the firm today to contact him about a case and question I had when I learned of this news. Again, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort and peace as you continue to grieve the loss of him.

Gretchen (Schlaff) Meisel - June 15, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MK

“ I had the privilege of working with Terry at both McKeen and Fieger's office. I was his secretary at Fieger's office and one morning when I came, I walked past his office and said good morning it's Ground Hog day...lol...Terry started singing I got you Babe! I will never forget that. We bonded over our work and the tragic experiences in lives. May God rest your soul, Terry Dawes, I will never forget you. My heart goes out to his family for their loss.

Margaret Kitchen

MARGARET KITCHEN - May 06, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Allen Dawes.



April 02, 2021 at 11:54 AM

DW

“ I met Terry through Tim when we were in college. Terry was such a genuinely kind and sincere soul. He was a deep and genuine man and the world would be a better place with more people like him. I am holding his family and friends in my heart during this difficult time. With love, Danlee

Danlee Winegar - April 01, 2021 at 11:55 PM

SJ

“ A memory that comes to my mind about Terry is from Emily and Josh's wedding dinner, Terry gave a father's toast or really a tribute to Emily and Christine. He used 3X5 cards, starting with Emily's birth. He had a stack of cards. He shared many happy parts of their family life. Rest in Peace Terry
With loving sympathy,
Aunt Shirley

Shirley Juip - April 01, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MT

Christine, I am so very sorry to hear of Terry's passing. He was a classmate of mine at St. Philip's and I loved keeping up with him on Facebook and celebrating our family accomplishments. He was very excited about being a grandpa. I want you know that you and your family were loved and although his life was short, he will continue to shine in our memories. God bless.

Martha Schode Terry - April 06, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DE

“ I only new him for a few months while working at McKeen. He was always a gentleman, and had a light and a glow about him that I will never forget. Rest in peace, Terry.

DeBorah Evans

DeBorah Evans - April 01, 2021 at 01:59 PM

GM

“ I grew up next door to Terry, Tim and Chris and with Cecile’s patient instructions became their babysitter. It does not seem right to be responding to Terry’s obituary, the kid I learned diapering on. I remember Terry and Tim being cute, smart and funny and together with Chris the best kids I ever babysat. We ate snacks, watched movies and danced to Rock and Roll 45 records down the basement. Our families hung out together and you could always plan on good food, drinks, jokes and laughter at those times. But their having Joe as an older brother, we all learned caring, patience and empathy for those with challenges which probably influenced my choice to pursue speech pathology. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to friends and family, especially to Cecile, Chris, Tim and Uncle Scott. I hold all of you in my best memories of childhood living next door to the Dawses’.

Gail (Campbell) Morris - April 01, 2021 at 01:47 PM

TC

“ I am so bummed to hear the news. Terry and his older brother Tim & sister Christine were my next door neighbors growing up outside Battle Creek. We were just inside the Gull Lake school district which was a blessing. Being fairly rural there were not many kids to play with other than ourselves. Even though there was an 8 year age range between oldest and youngest we still created games to play like whiffle ball, apple throwing fights, hiding go seek, etc.

I remember when Tim & Terry’s dad, Larry, built them a basketball area in the back yard. I remember coming back home on college breaks and watch them play basketball. By then they were both at least 6 inches taller than me. I knew they both were going to be great athletes.

My favorite memory was our families getting together every New Year’s day where we would splurge all day with food and drink watching the bowl games. Terry was a special kid, and I am sure as he grew into adulthood he was a special man. Actually I knew all the Dawes kids were going to be something special. Kudos to both Cecile and the late Larry Dawes for having a part in that.

My condolences to Cecile, Christine & Tim. My prayers are with Terry and you.

Terry Campbell

Terry Campbell - April 01, 2021 at 12:14 PM

DG

“ We are thinking of your family.
Tom and Diana Gilmer

Diana Gilmer - April 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM

BM

“ I only met Terry a few times but I remember him as being quiet and sweet. My thoughts are with his family in this difficult time.

Barb Marquis (old college friend of Tim)

Barb Marquis - March 31, 2021 at 08:46 PM

PN

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Terry and many in his family for 40 years. Terry was always considerate, smart, understanding and eager to hear what you had to say.

We'll miss his smile and his sharp, quick and subtle wit. Terry was kind, thoughtful, and just a great person. He will be missed.

My heart goes out to his family and friends.

Patrick Nolan

Patrick Nolan - March 31, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CS

“ Our daughter in law is Christine's sister and we knew Terry from family functions. We are so saddened by Terry's passing and our hearts go out to his family. They are in our prayers. Bob and Carol Stislicki

Carol Stislicki - March 31, 2021 at 10:34 AM

L(

“ Chris I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Terry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your treasured memories give you peace and comfort at this time.

Lynda Johnson (cousin) - March 31, 2021 at 09:43 AM

K(

“ I am so sad to hear of Terry's passing. He was a dear friend at Gull Lake High School and fellow captain of the Cross Country Team our Senior year. He became a very good friend and was a role model for his fellow classmates...his integrity and honesty at that age set him apart. I am a better person today for knowing him and I was blessed to have him in my life for a short time. I am so grateful that he had a beautiful and loving wife and family. My thoughts and prayers go out to his dear wife Christine and his children and grandchildren. His legacy will live on through all of you. -Karen



Karen Stinson (Montague) - March 30, 2021 at 10:21 PM

LV

“ Christine I am so sorry to hear of hear of the Passing of Terry God Bless you and the Family you are in my Prayers along with the whole Family.

God Bless you,
Uncle Larry.

Lawrence VanOverbeke - March 30, 2021 at 10:06 PM

LP

“ I will always remember Terry and Christine entering their wedding reception with the humorous looking Groucho Marx glasses and moustache!!! We all got such a kick out of their stunt!!! What a wonderful couple!!!! May God rest his soul! He will be missed.

Laurie Poirier - March 30, 2021 at 09:10 PM

TD

“ Terry was a terrific uncle and Brother-in law. He was also a great brother and i always enjoyed being together with Tim, my wife Chris and Terry. He was really funny and wicked smart. The love those three shared was really special. They laughed easily and always had great stories related to growing up in Battle Creek. Terry more than held his own with those stories and his perspective was always especially poignant and funny. Terry didn't always talk a lot but when he had something to say it was worth listening to him. He left quite a legacy. His wonderful family and a whole lot of people that loved him.

Terry will be missed but never forgotten by those of us that knew him. He will live in our hearts forever. Rest In Peace. Love Tom D

Tom DiDonato - March 30, 2021 at 07:18 PM

CH

“ As Terrys mom I can only say ever child you have leaves their own imprint on your heart. He was my youngest and had no problem nudging his way in. I will leave it at that as anyone who knew Terry will probably share everything I would agree with.

Love ya, Mom.

Cecile Harpster - March 30, 2021 at 04:54 PM

SU

“ I remember going to watch Terry and Tim play basketball for Gull Lake HS with their father. We both were so very proud. I also. Remember both boys running a leg in a school record mile relay at CW Post track.. Terry was a happy and energetic young boy. Full of laughter, and that is how I will remember him. All my thoughts and prayers to his family, siblings and his mom. God Bless you all, Love Uncle Scott

Scott Dawes , loving Uncle - March 30, 2021 at 04:53 PM