



Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell

January 3, 1963 - March 19, 2024

Teresa "Terri" Lynne, 61, passed the morning of Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born on January 3rd, 1963, in Alton, she was the daughter of Maurice "Mo" and Frances "Fran" (Vicari) Chappell. Surviving are Brad Toussaint, with whom she had a long-lasting relationship for over 15 years, her three children, Jacki Schranck (Stephen) of St. Louis, MO, Jake Grossheim of Godfrey, and Myah Grossheim of Chesterfield, MO, and two grandchildren, Josephine "JoJo" and Vincent "Vinnie" Schranck. Also surviving are two brothers, Tom Chappell (Sue) of Alton, Mike Chappell (Kim) of Columbia, MO, and two sisters, Tracey Sankey (Kevin) of Warrenton, MO, and Jane Hale (Mark) of O'Fallon, one aunt, Rosalind Noll "Aunt Ro" and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Terri grew up in Alton and attended St. Matthew's grade school followed by Marquette Catholic High School, where she was the 1980 Homecoming Queen! She has many lifelong friends from her time at Marquette that she cherished, especially her "Marquette Besties". Terri went on to Millikin University where she studied Biology and then Northwestern University where she achieved her Physical Therapy degree. Terri was a physical therapist for over 40 years primarily in skilled nursing facilities. She poured her heart, soul, and countless hours into her patients and coworkers. Her relentless (stubborn) personality suited her well as a PT; she could convince any patient to go for a "short walk" with her, which would often turn into a great PT session. She made many dear friends throughout her career and enjoyed her time with them in and out of the clinic.

When she wasn't working hard, Terri loved being outdoors; you could often find her camping and boating with her family and friends or hosting a pool party in her backyard. She had a work hard/ play hard mentality, and whatever she was doing, she gave it her all. Her love for her family was unsurmountable, she was always there to guide her children without judgment, being their biggest cheerleader or shoulder to cry on when needed. She is irreplaceable and will never be forgotten. Terri was an avid Dolly Parton fan, so in the words of Dolly, "I will always love you". In honor of Terri's memory, her family will be hosting a visitation on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Chrisitan burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25th, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or consider donating blood in her honor <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/terri-lynne-chappell/> Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
519 E 4th St
Alton, IL 62002-2602
(618) 465-4284

Tribute Wall



“ I am a very old friend of Teri's, had lost touch with her over the years. I stumbled upon her obituary and was very sad to learn of her passing. The short time I had known and spent with Terri are fond memories. I hope her family is at peace with knowing what a fun, loving, caring human being she is. Will always have a special place in my heart for her.

T - August 10, 2025 at 02:18 AM



“ Terri, I wrote a few sentences earlier that seem to have disappeared, so writing again. I have known you for almost all of both of our lives. I have loved you for that same period.

It was devastating to learn of your illness last summer. You are and have always been one tough chick, and I am astounded and heartbroken that something could take you down. I am not sure I believe it even now. I so enjoyed rekindling our friendship over the past several months. I wanted to see you so badly, but you wanted to wait until you were better, so we agreed to get together in 5/25 when I am in town for Joseph's graduation. I am going to hold you to that; we will be visiting in 5/25, though the visit is not the type i hoped for.

Mary M - March 27, 2024 at 03:08 AM



“ To the Family of Terry, she was my Physical therapist's in Jerseyville when I had Gullain Barre' and a friend of the family. So sorry for your loss .My love and prayers ,Brenda Higgins 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Brenda Higgins - March 25, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JW

“ *To the Chappell Family*

Tracy

Tom

Mike

Jane

Please know that both Terri and Fran made an impact in my life.

When I first met your family it was under unusual circumstances to say the least.

I am thankful for all of it.

Sometimes hard lessons become meaningful memories.

It was an honor to get to know such a wonderful family.

Regards

Joe Walters

Joe b Walters - March 24, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.*



March 22, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TG

“ Tanya, Lily & Grace Green purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Tanya, Lily & Grace Green - March 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



March 22, 2024 at 04:04 PM

JL

“ Joan Lackey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.

Joan Lackey - March 22, 2024 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ Jacki and family,
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She looks like a beautiful person. We are thinking of you and sending our love.

Scott and Janet Smith (Molly's Aunt and Uncle)

Janet Smith - March 22, 2024 at 01:47 PM

BT

“ Brentwood Athletico Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Brentwood Athletico Team - March 22, 2024 at 01:39 PM

KC

“ Kathy and Frank Curotto purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Kathy and Frank Curotto - March 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



March 22, 2024 at 12:14 PM

LJ

“ Love, Tony, Sheri, Stephanie & Jaclyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.

Love, Tony, Sheri, Stephanie & Jaclyn - March 22, 2024 at 12:14 PM

ST

“ Teri is a wonderful person. Brad Toussaint is my son. they made a happy life together. I never pried into their lives. If they'd needed help, I'd been there for them. But they seemed to have everything under control. We had family barbecues and holiday get togetherd. And depending on their work schedules they'd show up. It was always a joy to have Teri there. I think she was a little surprised the first time she came. We have 4?other children besides Brad, so significant others, our grandkids and great grandkids always made for a noisy environment. We will miss Teri and it will always be a little sad at our family gatherings. Due to different viruses floating around we weren't able to visit her at the hospitals. We wanted to be there but due to her condition over time we could only visit her when she was home. Our whole family will miss her We are all sorry for all her families loss. Steve and Pat Toussaint

Stephen Toussaint - March 22, 2024 at 09:17 AM

KS

“ Kevin and Connie Seabaugh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Kevin and Connie Seabaugh - March 22, 2024 at 08:02 AM

LS

“ Terri was a dear friend and neighbor. Always willing to help a friend in need. We loved her smiling face and positive attitude. A walk around our circle with her made a pleasant end to any day. Hugs and prayers to her family.

Linda Short - March 22, 2024 at 07:28 AM

HS

“ Heidi Sankey purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Heidi Sankey - March 21, 2024 at 11:05 PM

TR

“ Taylor & Oliver Rhodes purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Taylor & Oliver Rhodes - March 21, 2024 at 07:46 PM

TR

“ Taylor & Oliver Rhodes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.

Taylor & Oliver Rhodes - March 21, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LP

“ Love, Greg and Laura Pritchett purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



Love, Greg and Laura Pritchett - March 21, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



March 21, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.



March 21, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ John, Sue, Doug, and Jess Zerjal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa "Terri" Lynne Chappell.

John, Sue, Doug, and Jess Zerjal - March 21, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ I am very fortunate to know and be friends with Terri for many years as a coworker and as a friend. Loved taking hikes, talking, Womens night out on Friday in the fall, and partying with her. Tom and I Loved camping with her and Brad. She will be very missed by all who knew her. Her obituary was excellent in describing Terri. God received an angel. Nancy and Tom Marlow

Nancy Marlow - March 21, 2024 at 04:56 PM