



## Terrence "Terry" Taviner

July 14, 1950 - September 5, 2023

Dateline: Alton

Terrence "Terry" Taviner, 73, died at 5:55 a.m. Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at his home in Alton. Born July 14, 1950 in Carrollton, he was the son of Glenn and Shirley (Breden) Taviner. Terry served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired as a hot bed operator for Laclede Steel. On December 28, 1985 he married the former Karen Gutierrez in Bethalto. She survives. Also surviving are two stepsons, John Fullagar of Alton and Rick Fullagar of Alton, a brother, Stephen Taviner of Hardin, and three sisters, Cheryl Schwab of Jerseyville, Marian Russell of Waverly, IL, and Barb Burris of Hardin, two nephews, Craig Burris (Kim), Shad Burris (Cheri), a niece, Cori Lewis, and great nieces and nephews, Gracie, Sam, Colten, and Cale Burris, and Garret and Lauren Lewis. A memorial visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of military honors at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Immediately following the military honors, there will be a celebration of Terry's life at the Alton VFW Post 1308. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Paula Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terry" Taviner*



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**Paula Rodgers** - September 26, 2023 at 09:40 PM

TJ

“ *Sending thoughts of sympathy to all of Terry's family.*

*Theresa (Flanigan) Johnes  
Calhoun High School Class of '68*

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**Theresa Johnes** - September 11, 2023 at 11:19 AM

GM

“ *I have known Terry since high school where we became friends. Later I found out we were related! Unfortunately we lost touch. Terry enlisted in the Marines where he served in Viet Nam. We reconnected much later. My heart goes out to his family. I will cherish my time with him. His pain is gone and he goes to be with his Lord. Until we meet again, Terry!*

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**Grace Matthews** - September 09, 2023 at 09:07 AM

RN

“ You two have been such great neighbors to us including when my mom lived with us. Terry won my mom over big time. She was always talking about Terry said this or do you know what Terry did to me today and how he liked banana bread, so whenever I would bake mom would say be sure to make some for Terry. I hope he has his turkey caller with him and sneaks up on my mom in heaven and she will know exactly who it is. I hope you know how much that meant to me that you made my mom so comfortable during her transition to live with us. Thank you and give mom hugs and kisses for us! Karen our prayers and thoughts are with you always at this difficult time! Rest in peace and be free Terry! Go be with your family and friends who are waiting for you until we meet again our friend. Love and prayers  
Greg and Rita Nugent



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**Rita Nugent** - September 08, 2023 at 09:36 AM

DD

“ To the family of Terry, We had good times in our earlier years riding motorcycles, acting like fools and Terry calling me Fredy Fender. You could count on him of being loyal and being a great friend. Rest IN PEACE my "ole friend...



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**Daniel Drainer** - September 07, 2023 at 03:16 PM

JT

“ Terry was always so nice to me. When Karen and I would go out to birthdays, flower shopping or just running around. He always made sure we were taken care of whether it be buying my lunch or loaning me his car. Aka ways offered his help if I needed. I hope your in heaven riding your motorcycle and watching out for your family and friends!! Rest easy Terry.



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**Jackie Todd** - September 06, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JS

“ RIP my old brother. So many of them will be waiting to show you the road.  
Springfield John

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**John Schoenleber** - September 06, 2023 at 06:06 PM