



Terry Ray Higgins

August 3, 1950 - April 4, 2021

Terry Ray Higgins, 70, passed away unexpectedly in his home in Bradley, Illinois on April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday). Terry was a graduate of Kankakee East Ridge, class of 1969, and went on to be a fabricator for CBI and BIMBA.

Terry was a man full of love, humor, wisdom, and kindness. As a single father, Terry was the cool neighborhood dad to all of his son, Ryan's friends through the years. He was responsible for letting the kids get away with things that in this day and age would land them in jail. But they all made it through with a few good stories to look back on fondly. Terry loved cooking on the grill, and of all things, mowing his lawn. He enjoyed being outside and took many trips to the state park when his son was young. He enjoyed visiting his family in Texas many times over the years. Terry was an avid sci-fi and western lover, you could always catch him watching some crazy movie about aliens or an old western if you showed up unannounced.

In recent years Terry had many health struggles but was always determined to come out the other side. Some would call him stubborn. He was, but it was his love for his family that kept him going. Terry's grandson Adam would come over on visits from Massachusetts and tell him all about his video games and what was happening in school. He loved the time he was able to spend with Adam when he was in town. Terry, Ryan, and Adam would all talk about the latest Star Wars or Star Trek movies. On one great visit in particular they were

all able to go see The Force Awakens, marking Adam's first movie with his grandfather. One of Terry's best days in recent years was being able to see his son get married in the summer of 2018. Joined by many family and friends at the old Town Cinema, now The Majestic, Terry could not wipe the smile off his face that day, it was a memory for a lifetime.

Terry was predeceased by his brother Frank Higgins of Texas. He is survived by his beloved sister Sharon and her husband Dave Lockner of Kankakee. Terry leaves behind his son Ryan, daughter-in-law Laura, and grandson Adam of Massachusetts. He will be missed by many family members and countless neighborhood friends.

A celebration of life will occur in the summer of 2021.

Tribute Wall

VB

“ I remember you pushing me in a swing at our Sunday School picnic. You really made my day, Terry! Now, you will be with so many loved ones and unencumbered by all the physical handicaps!! Hallelujah! Heaven is more than we ever imagine! We'll see you again!

Vickie Burlison-Francisco - April 18, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RL

“ I am very sure that he attended Lincoln garde school I still remember the name. He played sports with us and he very much enjoyed Playing with his classmates. It's been many years ago. Rest in peace Terry.

Ron LaFrance - April 17, 2021 at 04:56 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry Ray Higgins



MR MRS - April 17, 2021 at 08:13 AM

MS

“ I met Terry at the rehearsal dinner when I traveled to Illinois for Ryan and Laura's wedding. He was so sweet and welcoming and I loved his dry sense of humor. We had a blast dancing together at the wedding, and the bride even joined in with us. I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. He will be surely remembered and missed.

Molly Smith - April 16, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Going to miss you more than words can say.* ”

Laura Higgins - April 16, 2021 at 12:10 PM