



Mr. Terry Henson McElreath

December 19, 1953 - October 7, 2022

Terry Henson McElreath, 68, of Walhalla, South Carolina, was called to meet his Savior on October 7, 2022. He was born on December 19, 1953, the son of the late Carl and Olene (Burke) McElreath.

Terry is survived by his daughter Sonya Ball and her husband Bryan, daughter Angie White and her husband Jason, and son Derek McElreath and his wife Sarah. He will also be missed by his sister Hilda, who was like a second mother to him, and her husband James. "Pepa" always sent homemade birthday cards to his grandchildren, which consistently arrived just in time to celebrate each milestone. Terry's grandchildren, all of whom will miss his fun spirit, include Addison Ball, Tanner Ball, Blake Ball, Leah White, Zander White, Sydney White, Luke White, Annabelle White, Charlie White, Emery McElreath, and Scarlett McElreath.

Terry was preceded in death by his wife Cathy (Roach), who was the great love of his life. After graduating from Seneca High School, Terry was employed by Phillips Fibers; he was forever thankful for this job because it allowed him to cross paths with Cathy. On their first date, Terry realized that Cathy was the woman he wanted to spend his life with, and they married three months later. Devoted to his wife's happiness, Terry never failed to celebrate anniversaries with thoughtful gifts and often surprised her with love letters on

otherwise ordinary days. When Cathy was diagnosed with cancer, Terry was her faithful companion, demonstrating great love through his tender acts of service. Following her death, Terry never removed his wedding band, remaining faithful to the love they had shared for the next twenty years of his life.

Everyone who knew Terry will fondly recall his big laugh and sparkling smile. He was a faithful Clemson fan who counted down the Saturdays until the beginning of college football season and faithfully wore orange every game day. His children have always been astounded by his ability to fix anything around the house, from cars to plumbing. Terry loved being outside and often sent messages to his family about the beauty of autumn, the joy of watching a family of deer, or the feeding habits of the birds at his feeders. He loved the joy of a new day, always rising early and thanking God for allowing him to live to see another beautiful morning. His family will miss his countdowns until Christmas, his daily good morning texts, and his astounding memory. Terry was an encouraging father, a talented musician, and a humble servant of Christ who will always be missed.

The family will welcome friends to celebrate Terry's life on Sunday, October 9, from 5:00-6:00 p.m at Davenport Funeral Home. A private family burial will occur at a later date.

Terry had several charities which he loved supporting, including St. Jude Children's Hospital, Shriner's Children's Hospital, St. Joseph's Indian School, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. Those wishing to honor Terry's life are asked to make a donation to one of those organizations.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Terry Henson McElreath*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Kim Rushton lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Kim Rushton - October 11, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Billy & I have very fond memories of Terry & his family. Live & Prayers for his family..*



Billy & Donna Lusk - October 10, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Fred Sandra Ball lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Fred and Sandra Ball - October 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Barbara Roach - October 10, 2022 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ *Carol Shealy lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Carol Shealy - October 10, 2022 at 12:19 AM

PR

“ *Terry met Cathy in the parking lot at Phillips Fibers the power had been out for hours so they said we could go to our cars and listen to the radio. We all piled into Donnie Adams car and Cathy came out and there was nowhere to sit so Terry offered her his lap which she took. Next we knew they were dating and married.*

Patricia Roberts - October 09, 2022 at 07:28 PM

BW

“ *Becky Winchester lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Becky Winchester - October 09, 2022 at 07:00 PM

JH

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. I went to school with Cathy. She was a good friend. Praying for comfort and peace in the days ahead. Judy Powell Higgins



John and Judy Higgins - October 09, 2022 at 03:28 PM

JP

“ James Maxine Pettit lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath



James and Maxine Pettit - October 09, 2022 at 03:20 PM

MH

“ Michael Diane Hughes lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath



Michael & Diane Hughes - October 09, 2022 at 02:13 PM

JL

“ Joyce Clyde Lusk sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry McElreath



Joyce & Clyde Lusk - October 09, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RP

“ Terry was such a very nice man and will be missed greatly. Praying for all his family.



Roger and Janie Pelfrey - October 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM

RA

“ Rod Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath



Rod & Katherine Albertson - October 09, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's Love and Promise give you comfort in the days ahead.

Burgess (Bird) Laye - October 09, 2022 at 01:44 PM

DC

“ Devin Karen Crane lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath



Devin and Karen Crane - October 09, 2022 at 01:22 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Becky Johnson - October 09, 2022 at 11:52 AM

SH

“ *Prayers for the family 🙏 Terry was a great neighbor and always had a smile and kind word. He will be missed! Steve & Debbie*



Steve Harvey - October 09, 2022 at 11:39 AM

CH

“ *Terry was a wonderful neighbor for many years. He always had a smile and wave whenever we passed his home and he was outside mowing the grass, picking up his mail... He always sent us a Christmas card. It was a pleasure to talk to him as he was a friendly gentle man. I know his family will miss him dearly. So sorry for the loss you are feeling.*

Carol Harvey - October 09, 2022 at 11:11 AM

BB

“ *Baylie Braswell lit a candle in memory of Terry McElreath*



Baylie Braswell - October 09, 2022 at 10:05 AM