



Terry Johnston

September 12, 1940 - April 1, 2022

Terry Johnston, age 81 of Kankakee, passed away Friday, April 1, 2022 at his home. He was born September 12, 1940 in Kankakee the son of George and Lorena (Deschand) Johnston. Terry married Mary Jo Gerlach on August 19, 1961 in Steeleville, IL. She preceded him in death on August 7, 2007.

Terry was an architect for JH2B Architects. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Terry was a lifelong member of the Elks, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and Exline Sportsman Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the American Lung Association and the Alliance to Restore the Kankakee River. Terry was committed to the restoration of the Kankakee River and the preservation of his home town.

Surviving are one son, Steven Johnston and Jennifer Thorpe of Duluth, MN; two daughters and one son-in-law, Julie (Chad) Sandstrom of Stillwater, Minnesota, Karen Johnston and Doug Flageole of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Anders (Stephanie) Sandstrom, Kjell and Milena Sandstrom, Quentin and Ethan Gentry.

Terry is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo; his parents; and an infant son, Brett Steven.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory
1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ Terry Johnston

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy in our long-time friend, Terry passing. Terry and I go way back to being classmates at Steuben Grade School; and when we were in the sixth grade his mom was an Avon cosmetics lady. He brought me some little lipstick samples --the first lipstick I ever had! I had to sneak to wear it! lol ! We were "the KHS Class of 1958" close friends still getting together. We will miss him dearly!
Freeman and I will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers... we are still in Florida or we would be there for his visitation and funeral.
.. Nancy and Freeman Mietzner

cy Nancy Mietzner - April 05, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ Terry "TJ" I will miss you and the great times we had at the Legion and the Momence Sportsman Club . We had many good times hunting and training our dogs . You were one of the founding member of the Momence Sportsman club and a Valuable member of the Kankakee Hundred club . Truly a Great man and friend. God Speed

Mike Norman
Somerset Kentucky

Michael Norman - April 05, 2022 at 12:28 PM

LA

“ Karen and family, My deepest sympathy to all of you on Terry's passing. I have known Terry all my life, and his parents and mine were very good friends. Terry was a wonderful man - intelligent, funny and a really good guy. He will be missed. Sending hugs and love, Lynn O'Brien Ahlden

Lynn O'Brien Ahlden - April 04, 2022 at 11:52 PM

EG

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. God bless you all...

Eric Genshaw - April 04, 2022 at 07:46 PM

WE

“ Julia, Karen and Steve,
I'm very sorry for your loss. Sending you all love and calm healing energy. May you find the strength to get through this difficult time. Thanks to all of you for the wonderful memories.
Love and Hugs,
Wendy Lain Thorpe

Wendy - April 04, 2022 at 02:25 PM

PM

“ Worked with Terry on many projects. Good architect to work with. Always had time to listen and answer questions.

Pat McConnell

Pat McConnell - April 04, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Terry Johnston



Joseph Giacchino - April 04, 2022 at 05:55 AM

SD

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Johnston, along with Mrs. J., was always so welcome to me when I was a young girl, always showing up at your house to play. Your family was such an important part of my youth. I was taught how a loving family interacted and respected each other. I will be forever grateful for that time. My sincere condolences to all of you~ Sherry (Kelly) Denault

Sherry Denault - April 03, 2022 at 07:27 PM

LG

“ Julia, Karen, and Steve,
I will always remember how he embraced me and my kids when I first met Terry. Such a funny guy to be around. Always Remember the good times and never forget the life lessons he taught you. You are in my thoughts and prayers!
Linda Gentry

Linda Gentry - April 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ Jacque & Dave Cuchiara lit a candle in memory of Terry Johnston



Jacque & Dave Cuchiara - April 03, 2022 at 04:06 PM

MT

“ *My heart hurts at this loss. Hugs n prayers are with all of you. We have lost a unique n crazy friend. We were fellow Kiwanians for May years n I will miss him. May God’s peace and comfort be yours n may your fond memories help fill the empty place in your hearts.*



Mary Thomson - April 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM

BD

“ *We have many fond memories of Terry (and Mary). They were fabulous customers of ours at Dionne's French Cafe here in Momence, and were good friends too. We always looked forward to their visits. Much love and condolences to all who loved him, from Gene and Betty (Skip) Dionne. RIP Terry, thanks for all of the laughs over the years.*

Betty Dionne - April 03, 2022 at 11:42 AM

 Steve West

“ *r i p uncle terry you will be missed by all*

Steve West - April 03, 2022 at 10:30 AM