



Terrence Peter Figurell

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Terrence Peter Figurell, age 72, went home to the Lord on Sunday, June 11, 2017. He was born on May 30, 1945 in Presbury, England, son of the late Wandy John Figurell and Winifred Patricia Figurell.

Terry spent his formative years in Manchester, England with his parents and sister, Christine. The family resettled in the United States, first in western Pennsylvania and then Delaware. By the age of 19, Terry was a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served two tours of duty as a machine-gun squad leader during the Vietnam War. After returning home, he joined the Wilmington Police Department. He was an exemplary officer, instructor, and advocate of community policing. Terry resumed his education and completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Neumann College in Aston, PA. His particular interests were in the performing arts and creative writing.

In 2000, Bonnie and Terry moved to Rehoboth, DE where he nurtured a love for boating and fishing in his newfound home. He also enjoyed his time as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 7447 in Rehoboth. Throughout his life, Terry's leadership qualities were a part of his charisma and natural charm.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Seaman Figurell; his son, Paul John Figurell and wife Robyn; his daughter, Kelly Ann Adams; his sisters: Christine Figurell, Anthea T. Piscarik and Maria Haley; his grandchildren: Kyle, Ryan, and Sean; and his nephew Rodney. He is also survived by Bonnie's beloved family members who were a family to him.

Services will be private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 20165 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947. The Terrence P. Figurell Memorial Fund has been



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established in honor of all Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ongoing contributions can be made to the Ministry of Caring Inc., 115 E. 14th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please sign Mr. Figurell's online guestbook located on this site.



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AP

Anthea T. Piscarik posted:

My brother, Terry, passed away two months ago on June 11, 2017. I'm so touched by the loving words of tribute and beautiful shared memories, especially the one from my niece, Kelly. I used to tell Terry, "You're my favorite brother!" It didn't matter that he was my only one! My memories??? They are like a thread woven through every stage of my life. Kelly's memory of her dad making her feel special has inspired me to add this scripture passage that I believe with my whole heart and soul. For you Terry: "The Lord your God, carried you, as a man carries his child, along your journey." (Deuteronomy 1:31b) Love you, Terry!!

August 11 at 11:33 AM

RR

Renee Roberson posted:

Bonnie, I am truly sorry to hear of your loss. May the good memories and God's love sustain you during this most difficult time. You remain in my heart and prayers. Renee Roberson

June 27 at 10:11 AM

PR

Paul Rafuse posted:

I served in the Marines with Terry ('Fig') in 1963-65. He was a good man. Blessings to his family. Paul Rafuse

June 20 at 5:25 AM

JS

Jim Seaman posted:

Bonnie, I will never forget how beautiful you were on your wedding day to Terry in my house. I am so sorry for your loss. You were a wonderful wife. God Bless. Your Baby Brother. Love, Jimmy

June 15 at 4:11 PM

JD

Jerry Dieleuterio posted:

SEMPER Fi Fig ! The GREAT Samarai warrior!

June 15 at 12:45 AM



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Kelly Figurell-Adams posted:

My dad was a good man, who served his country as Marine, as well as his community as a police officer. I have always been very proud of his many brave accomplishments and will always cherish the memories that I have of the times we spent together. There are so many memories, but one of my particular favorites is while he was on the Mounted Patrol for WPD, working extra duty at the St. Elizabeth's carnival. I was a little girl and playing in the front yard of my grandparents house. When all of the sudden, here Dad came riding down Coyne Place on his horse "Captain" He stopped in front of the house and pulled me up onto Captain with him and at that moment, I felt like the luckiest and most special little girl in the world. I will forever love and miss you Dad, but I know in my heart, that you are watching over me. Rest easy Daddy ❤️

June 14 at 6:07 PM



Joe Miller June 14 at 6:44 PM

Dear Kelly, that was quite a memory to cherish about your dad. While working closely with him for several years, he bent the rules on occasion, but never broke them. That may have been part of the Marine training we received way back when. We adapted and overcame. Thank you for sharing that with all of us. As you stated, I am sure he will look over you from Heaven for the rest of your life. I know he always had my "Six" while we were in harm's way. God Bless you and Semper Fi. - Joe Miller



Kelly Figurell-Adams lit a candle in honor of Terrence.



June 14 at 5:43 PM



Jackie Murphy lit a candle in honor of Terrence.

To Terry's entire family, my deepest sympathy. We were kids together in Cleland Heights. I often saw his twin sisters (Anthea and Maria) at the St. Mary of the Assumption Healing Mass and often asked about Terry and Chris. So sad. Terry was funny and such a nice person. May he rest in peace. Jackie Kramarck Murphy



June 14 at 4:53 PM



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AA

Angel "Doc" Alverio posted:

I met Figurell when i came on W.P.D. Right away i found him to be a likable guy and someone who was known as a cops cop. If you were in trouble Fig was one of the guys you wanted covering your back. Condolences to the family and friends. R.I.P. Fig.

June 14 at 3:19 PM

JC

John Carr posted:

I remember meeting Terry for the first time after I graduated from the police academy, and like another officer stated, "Terry was bigger than life", but he was a heck of a cop, and person to know.. He'll be deeply missed. R.I.P. brother.....!

June 14 at 12:11 PM

JC

John Carr lit a candle in honor of Terrence.



June 14 at 12:05 PM

BC

Bob Carlson lit a candle in honor of Terrence.

when we were assigned our FTOs out of the academy, those of us who were cadets and knew Fig were all jealous of Eddie Kowalski because he was assigned to Fig. A really good cop and friend. RIP Fig



June 14 at 11:11 AM



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Joe Miller posted:

Terry and I first met in 1970. I was a rookie Cop, and he was something to behold. At the time, Terry was bigger than life to me, and I learned he was a Marine Veteran , as was I. We soon became good friends. He was a jovial sort of guy in a social setting, but when it was time for business, he was the consummate leader.Later on, after we had retired, and both living in the Lewes, Delaware area, he was elected to the Presidency of the local V.F.W. Post there. Terry made it possible for me to join the Post and our friendship continued. He maintained the same attitude towards life up until I moved to Florida.I lost touch with him up until receiving the news of his passing. It was a shock and the picture of him here calls for good times with the levity of many hours we spent together over the years.I want to convey a sincere condolence to his family, and many other friends, who feel the same as I do. He brightened up a room when entering, and the world is a better place because he was in it. God Bless you, My friend. Rest in peace, Brother Marine.

June 14 at 10:36 AM



Jose Ortiz lit a candle in honor of Terrence.



June 14 at 10:01 AM



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June 14 at 10:00 AM



Ed Pankowski posted:

A fine officer and a gentleman had cases with Terry when I was a young prosecutor..... miss you Big Guy !

June 14 at 8:21 AM



Joe Miller shared an album called **Facebook**.



June 14 at 7:53 AM



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JG

Joe Gardner lit a candle in honor of Terrence.

June 14 at 6:27 AM



AF

Art Frampton posted:

Bonnie: So sorry for your loss. As fellow VFW Commanders we had a lot in common. Art F.

June 14 at 5:05 AM

RF

Ranae Fisher lit a candle in honor of Terrence.

Mrs. Bonnie and family, my thoughts and prayers are with u and your family...Thank u for your kindness and love u showed me..May u have peace in your heart...U did a great job! God bless u! Many hugs, Ranae Fisher CCH

June 13 at 12:49 PM



LP

Laurence Prattis June 14 at 11:06 AM

A police mentor of the utmost, a fine gentleman, and truly new the Lord. I will always miss our conversations in the patrolcar---Larry Prattis. GOD BLESS YOU SIR!

JO

Jose Ortiz June 14 at 10:05 AM

"Fig" was my partner and my mentor when I was a rookie in the Wilmington Police Department. My prayers are with the family. May you rest in peace brother!

MP

Mary Bond Petty June 14 at 6:49 AM

Bonnie, so sorry for your loss also thought the world of you and Terry you both were always a pleasure to see, take care Bonnie my prayers are with youMary Bond Petty

AH

Ann Hoffman June 13 at 5:14 PM

Bonnie, I'm so sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to visiting with you and Terry. I hope he gets to go horseback riding and eat lots of scones in heaven. You and Terry are in my thoughts and prayers .Bonnie please be well. Annemarie



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Janice Gilbert Smith posted:

Chris, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort for the family. Janice Gilbert Smith (sister of Darlene)

June 13 at 11:46 AM



Sandy Restaneo posted:

Terry was a loving husband and proud Marine. We have wonderful memories. May he Rest in Peace!

June 13 at 10:54 AM



Media

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Joe Miller shared 2 photos to the Facebook album.

June 14 at 7:53 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terrence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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