



## Terry Van Dewrock

April 2, 1955 - December 22, 2020

Terry Van Dewrock - age 65 passed away peacefully on December 22, 2020.

Beloved husband, best friend of Catherine (Cathy,Cate);

Dear son of Emil and Melba Dewrock.

Dearest father of Britni (Archie) Hendren and Boomer (Kristen) Shockley.

Super fun loving PawPaw to Hunter and Audrey Shockley and Finley Hendren.

Dear brother of Gary (Vicki) Dewrock, Donna (Brian) Gilliland.

Dearest brother in law to Chuckie (Denise) Long.

Dear uncle to Lindsay(Patrick) McLain; Derek (Angie) Chenoweth, Greg Chenoweth and Brooke; Grant Frye and Morgan, Ryan (Gabe) Dewrock, Darin (Penny)

Dewrock.

Dear great uncle to Caden, Gavin, Chloe, Evelyn, Ellie and Duncan cousin, and friends who were like family and to everyone he met.

Terry was born April 2, 1955 in Poplar Bluff, MO. He grew up in Cape Girardeau, MO, graduated from Cape Central High School and Linn Technical College.

He was a Master Auto Mechanic with Toyota for most of his career, but he really could fix anything.

Terry loved spending time with Cate doing everything or nothing, and with his family and friends. He looked forward to the yearly trip to Destin, Florida. What started out as a small family trip years ago, grew to an annual group of thirty plus. As one of our friends said, he would walk down the beach and come back with new friends. He was lucky enough to retire early. He played endless rounds of golf with his usual foursome. Enjoyed the "Shootin' Matches", gambling and loved a good party. After years of talking about it, we finally built the new barn at the farm and were excited to show it off. He was not one to just sit still and stayed busy every day, but liked to be finished with his day in time for Jeopardy.

Among his many other interests he was a part of the Smokin' Sauced BBQ Competition Team, became a licensed private pilot and even owned a plane. He was a Member of the Oakville Elks Lodge 2726 in St. Louis, MO.

Terry was the PawPaw who never said no. He was at most every game and a lot of practices to cheer on the kids, played endless games of hallway hockey, baseball, trips to the park, narrated a few TikToks, talked to dolls, or just rocked with the kids in his favorite chair. He was proud of a lot of things in his life, but he was most proud of being a PawPaw to all three.

He lived life to the fullest, had an exceptional work ethic and was always willing to learn from others, or teach them a trick of the trade along the way. It is hard to sum up an entire life in a few paragraphs. I know everyone will have their favorite stories to share, and he will live on in our hearts forever. His smile was big and genuine. He was gentle, easy going and very kind, (unless you were a vendor blocking his view at the Rams game), he would offer to help anyone with anything. He was good with everything from hanging out in parking lots or going to fancy events, with a Bud Light in his hand.

He loved his life, his wife, his kids, his grandkids, his family and endless friends.

Until we meet again my love, my best friend, my Mardis Gras Souvenir - Cheers!

Memorials - Zell Volunteer Fire Department, 11750 Zell Road, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670.

Services: Private Funeral Services at Zion Cemetery (Kimmel Cemetery) in Murphysboro, IL 62966 - or "At the Farm" Arrangements by Pettett Funeral Home, Murphysboro, IL

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“ *Terry Van Dewrock*

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