



Terry Grant Morris

May 31, 1941 - June 3, 2020

Terry Grant Morris returned home on June 3rd, 2020 at the age of 79. He was born in Safford, Arizona to Grant Morris and Erma Norton.

Terry grew up in a loving home where he learned to work hard on the family farm. As a young boy one of his first jobs was helping his big sister Janet milk the cows. Terry began driving a tractor at the age of 10. Life as a farmer helped Terry develop his work ethic, mechanical skills, and his love of the outdoors.

After high school, Terry attended BYU and ASU. While at BYU he met his sweetheart Dianna "Danne" Lynne Smith and they soon married in the St. George Temple on May 29, 1965. After BYU, Terry attended Baylor University Dental School in Dallas, Texas. After graduating he served as a Captain in the US Air Force stationed at Beale Air Force Base in California. Once he returned to civilian life, he moved his young family to Flagstaff, Arizona where he started his dental practice.

An important part of Terry's life was spending time with family and friends. He planned boating trips to Lake Powell, hikes to the Grand Canyon, camping, snowmobiling, river rafting, water and snow skiing. He loved his trips to Mexico and trips on horseback with his relatives. And enjoyed Navajo tacos with his Navajo and Hopi friends.

Terry loved building things and if he didn't know how to do it, he'd teach himself. He built furniture, constructed & remodeled several homes and an office building. He even built his own ski boat. Terry was always happy to pick up his tools and come help you with just about anything. Whether it was finishing your basement, putting on a new roof, or knocking out a wall to add a bay window in the middle of winter, he was always there to help.

He was handy with cars and enjoyed helping out his kids and grandkids when their cars broke down. He was always on the lookout for fixer uppers, and you could always spot Terry's house if there were multiple vehicles spread across the property.

Terry spent his life in the service of others. He served his community in Flagstaff as a Rotary Club President and as a City Councilman. He was a dedicated member and leader in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He worked in many capacities including as a Boy Scout and Young Men's leader, and as a Bishop. He and his wife served a full-time mission in the Jakarta Indonesia Mission as well as several Humanitarian missions in Madagascar, Tanzania, Nigeria and Cape Verde for an additional 7 years.

Survived by his wife Dianna "Danne", his children Cameron (Becky), Terrilynn (Sven Johannessen), Dianna (Kevin Field), Michelle (Jason Martian), Cristianne, Cinda (Devron Ercanbrack), Heath (Claudeth). Along with 32 grandchildren, his brothers Jim (Sheila), John, and David. Preceded in death are his parents Grant and Erma, and his sister Janet.

Interment and private family graveside service will be held Tuesday, June 9, Alpine City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Alpine City Cemetery

400 North Grove Drive
Alpine, UT, 84004

Events

JUN **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Utah Valley Mortuary
1966 West 700 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

JUN **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Terry was my dentist from the time I had my first tooth until I graduated high school (he had retired not long after that). I remember he would always whistle while working on my teeth. I had to have my front teeth extracted when I was 3 due to abscess, and although I do not remember much about the procedure, I do remember him letting me pick 3 toys out of the toy bin instead of one. I have yet to find another dentist who truly cared about his patients, as people, not just a customer. My condolences to his wife and family in their time of sorrow. Thank you for sharing him with us!

Roberta Lamm - June 11, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Terry and Boyd began their dental practices in Flagstaff about the same time. We raised our families there and we retired to Utah about the same time. I'm sorry we're not able to attend the services today. We remember Terry as a kind and gentle man and we send our condolences and love to the family today.

Boyd and Clifta Tobler

Clifta Tobler - June 09, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ We love Terry and Danne. They are some of the most friendly folks I have ever met!! Terry always maintained a gregarious and warm disposition towards everyone. In the most sincerest and complimentary of terms, I think of Terry as the neighborhood's "Good Ol' Boy". I consistently saw him towing, hauling, and moving things up and down the street for everyone!! I think the world is one less big smile without him with us!!

Kirk and Simone Robb

Kirk Robb - June 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ I am so deeply sad to hear of his passing. He was always good to my family, gave my father work to do when he needed work. He was a spiritual, had a amazing heart and full of kindness. He was our family dentist for many years. On behalf of my family, our deepest condolences. The Harvey's (Dennis and Rosemary) - formerly of Flagstaff. May you soar with the Angels!! In our thoughts and prayers for his family during this difficult time. Raine Harvey Cooper

Raine Harvey Cooper - June 08, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Terry, the world seems a little less bright now that you are gone. So many memories of our growing up years in grade school and high school in Safford, Arizona. Band and Choir with our great director, Curtis Kimball, and your talented sister Janet. Drag races across the bridge over the Gila River. Marching in the High School Band in the Phoenix Rodeo Parade behind 1,000 horses. You spray painting my car for me at your farm across the river outdoors under a hay shed next to a corral of calves. It looked great, then the next morning we saw the pieces of hay, dust, bugs all over it. We laughed a lot, did a do-over, this time inside a barn. We had a unique experience driving to Arizona from Alpine together in your pickup for our 50th high school reunion. We had green chile in St. George, Flagstaff and then Safford. We were always looking for the perfect taste, just like we remembered from Casa Manana or Shorty's Cafe in Solomonville during our school days.

You were always the mechanical farm boy, could drive or fix anything, always curious and helpful and cheerful. I am happy we kept in touch over the years and that I had the great good fortune to live in Alpine close to you and Danne for the last 15 years. Sometimes in certain situations, we ask our selves, "What would Jesus do?" Closer to home, we can ask ourselves, "What would Terry do?" He was a true friend, and a great example of someone who lived his religion quietly and sincerely, through his actions. He learned this from his parents. He often invited me , or another friend, to his home for dinner, unannounced. No problem. Pull up a chair. Always room for one more. I loved and admired his mom and dad. I recently read Grant's life story, which Terry wrote, and now understand Terry a lot better. He followed in the footsteps of his dad: generous, hard-working, resourceful, non-judgmental, always a smile and a kind word.

Terry, your family and friends will miss you, but you leave a positive and warm legacy of faith and service for your children and grandchildren. You and Danne have been a wonderful team as parents, good neighbors and missionaries.

I now shoulder the burden of searching for the perfect green chile alone. Thanks for everything.

Your buddy,
Jim Smith



Jim Smith - June 06, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ Terry was a wonderful man. When I was caring for my parents, Lynn and Glena Mecham he was so good to us. My parents were not able to plant a garden and one day I lookEd out the back window of the house and I see Terry planting their garden. He didn't just do it one year it was several. He would come over and prune in their orchard. He would just show up and do stuff. He knew what needed to be done and he did it. He and Danni were wonderful friends to my parents. They truly were amazing. My parents care required 24/7 care from me for about four years and they were always there if I needed anything. Truly an Angel in our lives. Sending prayers for your family.

Carlene Peterson - June 06, 2020 at 07:13 AM



“ Terry was our dentist for many years in Flagstaff. We owned a small window and door business so when we needed dental and Terry needed windows, it was a match! We loved his sense of humor too. We'll miss him until we meet again. Our prayers are with Danne and family. The Harvey and Jo Anne Mickelson family.

Jo Anne Mickelson - June 05, 2020 at 10:16 PM



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Terrilynn Johannessen - June 05, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Dad I’m going to miss you. I’ll miss our weekly movie nights and our chats of our favorite family history stories. I’m going to miss all your loving hugs and sweet smiling eyes. We didn’t get to have our one last epic trip to see all our ancestral sites. My favorite memories are of when you would take me with you to car dealerships and we’d test drive all kinds of cars and to car and boat shows in Phoenix. We both had an appreciation for a beautiful classic car or truck. And most of all hearing your crazy stories of when you were a kid. I loved that we had a common love for family history. And that we both loved to learn just about everything in history.

You are my example of who I wanted to become, how I wanted to serve, and how I will should people. I thank you for your example and for teaching me the gospel. For this why I served my mission.

You are the reason I believe I can do anything and everything and that I shouldn’t let fear stand in my way. And showed me that I can build and create, fix, learn whatever I want if I put the time and work into it.

Dad I want to thank you for loving me and believing in me. I’m happy that now you’ll get to see your sister Janet again, and grandma and grandpa. And finally get to meet your ancestors that we always talked about. I love you so much!

Terrilynn Johannessen - June 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ To my Hero and Dad I know you will be working by our side always. We will miss your dad jokes and silly faces, but I know you left a lot of you behind in what you taught all of us. Thanks for saving our bacon, for taking care of us. We all felt your love.



Cinda Ercanbrack - June 05, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Uncle Terry, thxs for making me feel always welcomed in your home. You always taught by example, you had many Christlike attributes, and never did you make anyone feel less then...You will be deeply missed by those sweet spirits you have touched...Until we meet again at Jesus feet...Hugs Kimmy

Kimberly Scott - June 05, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Morris Family, I'm sorry for your loss. I am so blessed to have known Bro. Morris, such a fun and amazing person to be around. My heart is with you all. Sending love....Val K.

Valerie Kaye-Smith - June 10, 2020 at 12:38 PM