



Terry Baxter

March 20, 1955 - July 24, 2022

Terry Dean Baxter, age 67, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022 after a brief battle with cancer. He passed away at his home in Rudyard, Michigan surrounded by his family.

Terry was born on March 20, 1955 to Horace and Phyllis (DeWitt) Baxter in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He graduated with the Rudyard High School Class of 1973. On October 11, 1975, he married Debra Niekerk at Huggard Lake Bible Church in Sand Lake, MI. Terry owned his own flooring company, Baxter Flooring Installation for over 40 years, with his wife working alongside him. Terry was a member of the Rudyard Bible Church, where he enjoyed working with the youth for over 40 years. He was also a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Terry loved figuring out how things worked and fixing or manufacturing them. He enjoyed golfing in summer, bowling in winter, hunting in the fall, and motorcycling and driving all year through.

Terry is survived by his wife of 46 years: Debra Baxter; his mother: Phyllis Baxter of Rudyard, MI; his sister: Janice (Richard) Williams of Wayland, MI; his nephews: Adam Williams of Lake Orion, MI; Cody (Jennifer) Williams of Wayland, MI; a great nephew: Bradley Williams; and a great niece: Scarlett Williams.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Horace.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Rudyard Bible Church. Friends may gather at the church that same day from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. Burial will be at North Rudyard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Rudyard Bible Church or the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was devastated to learn that Terry had passed. He was a wonderful soul and was a HUGE part of my teen years. Deb, I am so sorry for your loss. Our little community lost an amazing man. Rest In Peace Terry.

Michelle Hough-Brabant - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Terry was an awesome guy and we really enjoyed our time riding off road with he and Deb, making cherished memories along the dusty trails of Michigan. Thankfully, we know we will see him once again in Glory, when our time here on Earth is done. Praying for comfort during this difficult time. Love, Wayne & Lisa Ferguson, CMA

Wayne & Lisa Ferguson - July 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Deb, Jan, Aunt Phyllis and family, our hearts are broken over your tremendous loss. Although we have not spent time with Terry in many years, he has always held a very special place in our hearts! His loving, fun, and generous spirit went before him into every situation. His dedication to "their kids" was so evident, and we praise God for the many lives that will forever be changed because of the work he and Deb did with the youth of their church! We know the gaping hole this leaves in your lives can ONLY be filled by Christ himself, and we pray his great comfort carry you thru! We so regret not being able to be with you to say goodbye, but you will continue to be lifted before the throne in our hearts and prayers! Love to all,
Dale and Sue

Dale and Sue DeWitt - July 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Deb, Phyllis, Janice, and family:
My heart goes out to each of you as you experience such terrible pain and adjustment.
I'll never forget how tall Tarry was! He had to extend his legs into the aisle on the bus. I was always amazed by this as I believed, as a young girl, that he had to be the tallest person in our school (and well my have been)! As I remember it, Terry was always quiet on the bus, and never caused trouble.
May God bless all of you with His peace and passes all understanding.
Carol Lewis*❤️

Carol Lewis - July 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *Deb,
My heart and prayers are with you in this difficult time. I'm so grateful to God for people like you and Terry who speak encouragement, life and, most importantly, Jesus into the lives of others. God's love is great and is with you always.*

Heather Wyse - July 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *I only recently heard that Terry was ill. I am so sorry for the grief you bear....I didn't know Terry well, but he laid flooring for us in 2013 and did a perfect job. He told me it was the nicest flooring he ever laid. That and the fact that he was Pat Hirt's cousin made him memorable. I hope the memorial service will bring your family closer as you reminisce...*

Jane Kennedy - July 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ So many happy memories of our childhood days. Terry, you were king of the frog pond and taught me how to handle snakes and toads and every wild thing. I look forward to seeing you again on that beautiful shore.

LYNNE M PIIPPO - July 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Deb, I am so sorry to hear about Terry, you guys have been great friends for many years, because of our connection with CMA. I have a lot of great memories of us being together at many events in the U.P. You and Terry were the main people on the praise and worship team at our rallies and even at Naubinway. I will be praying that God gives you peace, we will see Terry again and I'm sure he will be fixing something in Heaven. love you

tom stiglitz - July 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM