



Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe

November 11, 1943 - January 25, 2019

Conway.....

Terrence Michael O'Keefe, 75, of Conway SC, passed away on January 25, 2019. Born November 11, 1943 in Cuero, TX, Terry was the son of the late General Timothy F. O'Keefe, USAF (Ret) and Eileen P. O'Keefe.

Terry was a police officer and detective from Alexandria, VA, for fourteen years. One of four sons of an Air Force 4-star General, he traveled much of the world as part of a proud military family heritage. After attending The Citadel in Charleston, SC, Terry served his country in the Air National Guard, himself an honored Vietnam War veteran. He followed military service with a career in law enforcement. Upon retirement in Virginia, Terry worked in real estate and held positions in private security, once completely retired in Conway he honed his golf game that included a rare hole-in-one. Terry enjoyed history of all kinds, as a child often reading the encyclopedia for enjoyment; as a result he had a wealth of knowledge on many subjects that made him a go to authority and an entertaining story teller. A friend to all that crossed his path, Terry greeted everyone with a smile and twinkle in his eye. He cherished his devoted wife, Arlene, and loved his children, grands and great - grands in all of whom he was so very proud.

Terry was preceded in death by a brother Richard W. O'Keefe.

Terry is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Arlene, of Conway, and his children Chris (Debbie) O'Keefe, Greg (Trac) O'Keefe, and Shannon (Mike) Phillips, all of Northern Virginia; along with grandchildren, Sean O'Keefe, Caitlin O'Keefe, Daisy Smith, Kevin Phillips; and great grandchildren (Lilly Beckett and Aria O'Keefe). Also surviving are his brothers Col. Timothy (Linda) O'Keefe, Jr. USAF (Ret) and Vince (Karen) O'Keefe, all of North Florida; and many extended family members.

A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Rev. Bob Taylor officiating.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 28, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Funeral Home.

The family thanks the many medical professionals and caregivers that assisted especially in the past year. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to First Baptist Church of Conway, 603 Elm St. Conway, SC 29526 or Embrace Hospice of Conway, 1318 3rd Ave. Conway, SC 29579.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch - Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29528-0439

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WR

“ THIS IS FROM WAYNE ROBEY
I WORKED WITH TERRY IN THE DETECTIVE BUREAU IN THE
1970S WE WERE PARTNERS IN AUTO THEFT AND ON
OCCASIONS WE WERE ASSISTATED BY JIM BLAND. THE
THREE OF US BECAME DRINKING BUDDIES
I LOST TRACK OF YERRY WHEN HE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT.
HE ALWAYS HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. A TRUE
FRIEND WHO WILL BE MISSED
I GAVE HIM THE NICKNAME OF HOBBERKNOCKER WHILE
WORKING WITH HIM

Wayne Robey - January 28, 2019 at 10:57 PM

CB

“ I am saddened to hear of Terry's passing. I had the pleasure to
serve with Terry at the Alexandria Police Department in the early
1970's. It is a bittersweet moment. Bitter because the sun will shine
a little less brightly now; sweet because the memories that flood my
mind in reminiscing old times. Rest in Peace.

Clyde Be4nnett - January 28, 2019 at 02:01 PM

RU

“ He will be missed by all. Terry had a smile on his face all the time. I
worked with him often. On the PD any never knew how he got the
nick name “roller”
(Ron Uhrig ret. Lt.)

Ron Uhrig - January 28, 2019 at 01:38 PM

GJ

I went to grade school with Terry at St. Frances Cabrini in Alexandria Louisiana. He was my best friend back then and his memory still lives with me today. I hope someday we will meet again in heaven.

Gerald Lafitte asa Jerry - March 06, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.*



January 28, 2019 at 12:15 PM

HT

“ *I had the honor of doing his pedicures. Me and him and Arlene going back years then when I still worked at my previous salon. He was a sweet, caring and loving person. I would definitely miss his smile and twinkle in his eyes when I put on the hot towel on his legs. Love you Terry and you will be deeply missed. Hannah*

hannah tran - January 28, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.*



January 28, 2019 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ Terry was a wonderful person to work with. Shared many cases with him in the Police Detective Bureau. Wayne Robey and I had a lot of fun with Tarry, and a couple of drinks. He will be sadly missed.kinda lost track of him when I retired in 1985, but you never forget the good ones.

james bland - January 28, 2019 at 08:11 AM

AT

“ It was my pleasure to serve with Terry the "Roller" on the Alexandria Police Department in the early 80's. A fine gentleman. A lot of good policework was done and a good time was had by all. E Group will miss you, I know I will - Condolences - Al Tierney (Capt. APD retired)

Al Tierney - January 27, 2019 at 10:24 PM

LP

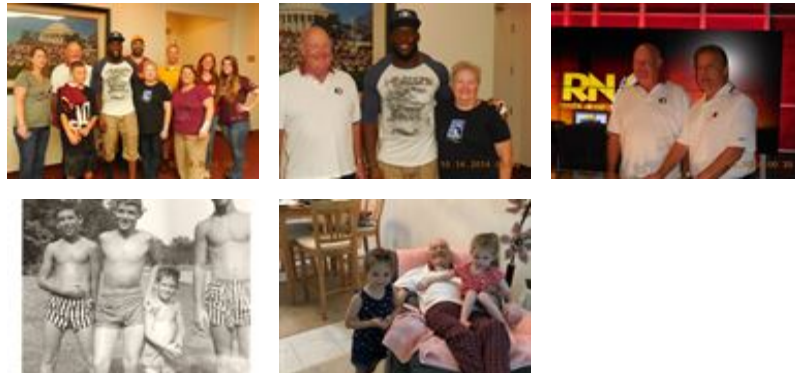
“ Love Hope and Pete purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.



Love Hope and Pete - January 27, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



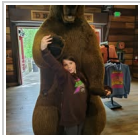
Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 27, 2019 at 03:24 PM

PT

“ Paul, Pat, Michael, Bev, Carol, Rene and Teresa purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.



Paul, Pat, Michael, Bev, Carol, Rene and Teresa - January 27, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ To me in high school he was Mr Okeefe. I spent the majority of my senior year with his daughter. Mr. And Mrs. Okeefe were my surrogate parents during a very diifficult time in my life. When they say he always had a smile and a twinkle in his eyes this was very true. I can remember laughing until we were in tears. Fly high Mr. O'Keefe. Sending love and prayers to Shannon and Mrs. O'Keefe during this time.

Staci Richardson - January 27, 2019 at 10:58 AM

SP

Thank you Staci!

shannon Phillips - January 31, 2019 at 01:31 PM

JM

“ *I remember the fun times with Terry/aka The Roller while working in The alexandria police department and on our days off,good times ,sorry for your loss
Arlene, Joe Martin*

joe martin - January 26, 2019 at 11:43 AM

RF

“ *I had the honor of Being Mr. Terry's hairdresser for a lot of years, his smile was always genuine and you always knew he cared. I will miss him greatly but am so glad he is know with our Lord an Savior. I'll miss him until I see him again! Love Rosanne*

Rosanne Fisher - January 26, 2019 at 09:45 AM

TO

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Tim O'Keefe - January 26, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.*



January 26, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *I will never forget his face that lit up when he smiled. A genuine precious man that I will never forget. It was my honor to care for him. Prayers for you, Ms. Arlene and the whole family.*

Katrina and Jason Malugen

Katrina Malugen - January 26, 2019 at 06:56 AM



“ *Arlene, Dusty and I are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Victor Mitchell - January 25, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ *Love Helga, Larry and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.*



Love Helga, Larry and Family - January 25, 2019 at 07:16 PM

JA

“ John, Joyce and Allison purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.



John, Joyce and Allison - January 25, 2019 at 05:49 PM

LF

“ Love always, Robert and Vicki Lyttle and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.



Love always, Robert and Vicki Lyttle and family - January 25, 2019 at 05:01 PM

MG

“ Maureen J Gauvin purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Terrence "Terry" Michael O'Keefe.



Maureen J Gauvin - January 25, 2019 at 04:28 PM

VL

“ Arlene was always a second mother to me, and after losing my father at only 10 years old, Terry became a second father to me when he married Arlene. It was Terry who took me out driving when I was in high school, and Terry who took me to take my driving test to get my license. I'll never forget one time when my mother was in the hospital and I was staying with Arlene and Terry, one evening he met my date, drew himself up to his full height, and warned my date (who was rather short himself) to have me home on time that night! Let me tell you, I was not even one minute late that night! LOL I remember all the days I would take the school bus to their house and iron his police uniform shirts. When I got married, Terry walked me down the aisle. He was "Grandpa Terry" to my children for many years. I can never convey here in words just what Terry meant to me. Brother-in-law just doesn't adequate cover it. I loved him and will miss him always.

Vicki Lynne Lyttle - January 25, 2019 at 04:23 PM