



## Terrence "Terry" Thorsen

September 1, 1943 - January 28, 2023

Terrence (Terry) Thorsen, 79, was called to join the Lord on January 28th, 2023. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

Terry was born in Albany, New York along with his twin brother Thomas (Tom) on September 1st, 1943. He was one of six children born to John and Irene Thorsen. He attended Suny Cobleskill where, at 6' 6" tall, he played basketball as a talented shooting guard. After graduating, he served in the United States Army as a sergeant, stationed in West Germany during the Cold War.

After leaving the army, Terry entered the insurance business, where he developed a passion for protecting and serving people that would stay with him through the final days of his life. In 1976 he founded The Insurance House, a successful independent insurance agency in Floral Park, Queens, New York. He never retired, serving customers in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, alongside his son Praise Thorsen.

As a young man, Terry was called to serve God. His love of the Lord and passion for the written word were the foundations of his life. He was warm, friendly, and outgoing, larger than life, both physically and in personality. In Queens, and then later in Myrtle Beach, he was a fixture of the community, the tall, smiling man who would lend an ear, join in prayer, and always remind us that God was on our side.

Terry was devoted to his family, raising four children over a span of fifty years. He invested countless hours watching, teaching, and playing: baseball, softball, tennis, golf, basketball, football, soccer, and dance - and then as many more again on business, community, and life.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Irene Thorsen, his brother John, and his sisters Carol and Linda. He is survived by his brother Tom, sister Karen, his children Praise, Kibibi, Kristen, and Terry, his grandchildren Max, Oliver, William, and Holden, and his beloved Jocelyn (Jocelle) to whom he was married for twenty-nine years.

He is gone but his impact on our life preserves him in our hearts.

A final viewing and visitation will be held from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 1st at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel (325 Hinson Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579).

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 2nd at South Strand Assembly of God (3507 US Hwy 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576). Interment will be private.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
325 Hinson Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

## Funeral Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

South Strand Assembly of God Church  
3507 US Hwy 17 Business  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ We met Terry in April of 2016 when we moved here from NJ not knowing anyone. I had previously spoken to Terry on the phone before our move as I was looking for a homeowners policy on our new home. The same day our furniture came Terry stopped in to meet us. I was very impressed with Terry and here 7 years later he is still my insurance man. Very sad to hear of his passing and will miss talking with him.

*Nick & Peggy Sanferraro*

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**Peggy Sanferraro** - February 07, 2023 at 03:53 PM

RD

“ Jocelyn and family, was so sorry to hear of Terry's passing, but I know you have great comfort in knowing that he has received his reward. Well done my faithful servant enter in! Praying comfort for your hearts and His strength to carry you through the days ahead. Your friends in Christ, Jim and Rebecca Dugger.

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**Rebecca & Jim Dugger** - February 05, 2023 at 01:44 PM

FK

“ So sorry, Jocelyn for you and your family. I will always remember Terry walking the dogs and his friendly nature as he always took the time to speak to others along the way. He was a good neighbor and friend. He will be missed. I take solace knowing he is wrapped in our heavenly Father's arms where there is no more pain, only Love.

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**Felicia Kirven** - February 02, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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February 02, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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February 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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February 01, 2023 at 06:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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January 31, 2023 at 06:27 PM

WB

“ *With Sympathy, The Dust Bunnies purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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**With Sympathy, The Dust Bunnies** - January 31, 2023 at 05:40 PM

WM

“ *Kristen and family - I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. May you find comfort in one another and in God. Kristen if you ever need to talk or cry, know I'm just down the stairs and around the corner! Peace.*

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**wendy Miller** - January 31, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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January 31, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.*



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January 31, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JL

“ Jennifer, Patrick, James and Sara Larkin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.



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**Jennifer, Patrick, James and Sara Larkin** - January 31, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terry" Thorsen.



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January 31, 2023 at 12:03 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear Terry has passed but know he is with the Lord. He has been our insurance agent since we moved to Myrtle Beach and was always helpful. Prayers for his family.

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**Susan Corbett** - January 31, 2023 at 11:48 AM

SB

*I just heard about the passing of Terrence. He was truly one of the finest gentleman I had ever known. I remember the first time he came to my home to advise me on insurance, at 6ft, 6 inches he had to duck down to fit through the door! He was intimidating until you got to know him and then you realized he was such a gentle, honest soul. He was a man of God, and one of God's greatest creations. Rest in peace Terry.*  
**Stan Bandura**

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**Stan Bandura** - February 03, 2023 at 01:37 PM