



Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell

November 1, 1942 - September 17, 2014

MSG (Ret) Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell, son of the late David and Elizabeth (Kazmierczak) Colwell, was born November 1, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois. As a young boy, Terry grew up in the Chicago area and graduated from Chicago Catholic School.

Terry enlisted in the United States Army and spent the next 26 years serving his country faithfully. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; which include: Rifle M16-Expert Badge, Hand Grenade Expert Badge, Pistol .38 Caliber Expert Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon "3", Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon "3", Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Army Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) and Meritorious Service Medal. After retiring from the military, Terry continued to serve his county by working in military intelligence and did so for 20 years.

On August 14, 1982, Terry was united in marriage to Yong Cha Chong in El Paso, Texas. They shared over 32 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

Terry was blessed with three children: Joe, Michelle and Theresa. He loved them tremendously and enjoyed getting to spend time with them and

especially the grandchildren.

In his spare time, Terry enjoyed cooking, telling old jokes and was a tremendous tour guide. He was a huge fan of Elvis; he loved listening to his music and watching his movies.

Terry passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2014 in the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 71 years.

Terry leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Yong Colwell of Germany; three children: Joe Colwell (Kathy) of Surprise, AZ, Michelle Maximoff (Don) of Watseka, IL and Theresa Medina (Edwin) of Columbus, OH; eight grandchildren: Stephanie, Jennifer, Hayley, Brandon, Melissa, Edwin Jr., Jaylen and Elijah; one great grandchild: Emelia; three siblings: Elizabeth Schaumburg (Rudy) of Rockford, IL, Tom Colwell (Sharon) of Elgin, IL and Tony Colwell (Anne) of San Jose, CA; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Even though Terry is gone from our sight, he will forever be in our hearts. As Terry would say, "Terry has left the building".

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 22, 2014 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain Fr. Mark Mustin officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Terry Colwell to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *We did not know you well but every time we came to your door delivering mail we were met with a smile and a joke. Thank you Terrance!! Pat and Earl Posten*

pat posten - September 22, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.*

MARLIN STEVENS



MARLIN STEVENS - September 22, 2014 at 07:32 AM



“ *Melissa Maximoff lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell*



Melissa Maximoff - September 21, 2014 at 02:11 PM



Michelle
Colwell
Maximoff

“ *Michelle Colwell Maximoff lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell*



Michelle Colwell Maximoff - September 21, 2014 at 02:03 PM

MC

“ *comes with deepest sorrow to hear of terrys passing so sorry to hear may god lay hands on the family love ones*



M Corriveau - September 20, 2014 at 09:15 PM

RS

“ *ROBERT SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terry" Louis Colwell*



ROBERT SCHONBOK - September 19, 2014 at 04:16 PM