



## SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith

April 18, 1956 - January 10, 2020

Terry J. Smith, son of the late Loael Hinkle Smith and Shirley Mae (Montgomery) Smith, was born April 18, 1956 in Pasco, Washington. Terry, or TJ as he was known to his family and friends, spent the majority of his growing up years in Arkansas.

On April 8, 1978, TJ was united in marriage to Cordia Martha Graham in Chugiak, Alaska. They shared over 33 wonderful years together and were blessed with three children: Oresta, Christopher and Christina. Cordia preceded TJ in death on December 29, 2011.

TJ entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1994 after 20+ years of service. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Recruiter Badge w/3 Gold Achievement Stars, Expert Infantryman Badge, Driver Badge, and Expert Qualification Badge M-16 Rifle. At the time of his retirement, he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and he and his family decided to remain in the area.

After his retirement from the military, TJ began working for Copeland in Lebanon, Missouri and retired after 20 years. He truly enjoyed working and even after retiring from the military and his employment with Copeland, he began working as a civil service employee on Fort Leonard Wood.

On March 1, 2013, TJ was united in marriage to Loretta Patrice Graham in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over six years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, he enjoyed watching TV and being outdoors while working in the yard. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren.

TJ passed away Saturday, January 11, 2020, in his home in Laquey having attained the age of sixty-three years.

He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by his wife, Lori of the home; his three children: Oresta Talbot (John) of Laquey, MO, Christopher Smith (Desiree) of Laquey, MO, and Christina White (Eric) of Buckhorn, MO; two step-children: Brandy McClure (Erik) of Tacoma, WA and Chrissi Kennedy (Willie) of Tacoma, WA; nine grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; two brothers: Dana Smith and Mark Smith; and a sister: Tami Eastridge, all of the State of Arkansas; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain (CPT) Matthew Woodside officiating. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville.



# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (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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## Graveside Service

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JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW  
25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 15, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Thank you for everything you have done for the Soldiers. We all appreciate you, and your kind manner.*



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**Mandy Bee** - January 15, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ *I love you, Dad*



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**Oresta Talbot** - January 14, 2020 at 05:50 PM

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*He loves you too*

**Tami Eastridge** - January 17, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 14, 2020 at 05:42 PM

AB

“ *Mr. Smith,  
When I heard the news my heart absolutely  
broke in half. You were always so strong,  
giving and kind to all the National Guard  
Soldiers. I know you will be enjoying yourself,  
eating sweets and watching your family who you loved so much. I  
miss hearing from you already! Who will I call when I get lost on  
FLW??? Rest In Peace, my friend.*



*Amanda Barginear*

**Amanda Barginear** - January 14, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DH

“ *So grateful to have known you. R.I.P. Terry.*

**Dan Hassett** - January 14, 2020 at 11:24 AM

AH

“ I'm in shock. You absolutely saved my life... I will forever be grateful.

Amy Hassett - January 14, 2020 at 10:48 AM

AH

“ Amy Hassett lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith



Amy Hassett - January 14, 2020 at 10:45 AM

FW

“ May the LORD's HAND be with you & the family during this time.

Frank Webb



Frank Webb - January 14, 2020 at 10:10 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - January 14, 2020 at 09:23 AM

TS

“ Love you big brother



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**Tami Smith-Eastridge** - January 13, 2020 at 10:45 PM

BE

“ Bert lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Terry Jan "TJ" Smith



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**Bert** - January 13, 2020 at 04:59 PM

OD

*I am in shock and cannot believe Terry has passed on. I keep going back to the day i last saw him and Rodney during one of my outreach briefings on post. We shared office in Bldg.312 and I used to walk past his office before getting to mine. He always acknowledged my presence and he would also have something nice to say about life in general. He was a genuine and caring man. I always teased him about messing with Rodney or Rodney messing with him joking about overtime. I think about the many times I will hear Rodney call out his name from down the hall. I would laugh and go mess with him afterwards. He always laughed when we met each other. What a great man. May he rest in peace and may his family find peace. RIP my friend.*

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**Ousman Diallo** - January 14, 2020 at 04:40 PM