



Dr. John Verlin Terry

October 8, 1920 - September 9, 2020

John V. Terry, 99, entered the gates of heaven on September 9, 2020. He died a victim of the COVID19 pandemic. He was born in Vandalia, Illinois, to William and Clester Terry on October 8, 1920. He married Fern Stradley in 1942. He is survived by his four children: John Mark and Barbara Terry of Seagoville, TX, Joan and Bob Hubbard of Siloam Springs, Luanne and Dennis Goodacre of Broken Arrow, OK, and Clay Terry of Battle Creek, MI. He had nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and siblings: Warren, Juanita, Virginia, Gene, and Joyce. He is survived by his brother Murphy Terry and his sister, Kay Smith.

John graduated from high school in Vandalia. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He received a B.A. in Bible from John Brown University in 1949. In 1965 he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas. He received the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Loma Linda University in 1968.

John served as a Southern Baptist pastor in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Later, he taught economics and served as Director of Development at John Brown University. He wrote the Dictionary of Business and Finance and the International Management Handbook, published by the University of Arkansas Press. For many years he wrote a weekly column for the Northwest Arkansas Times. He served as mayor of Siloam Springs in the 1980s.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Siloam Springs and the American Legion. He was previously a member of the Rotary Club.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the scholarship fund at John Brown University.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *The Wickershams purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Dr. John Verlin Terry.*



The Wickershams - September 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DG

“ *Dick Paul, Roger and Pam Paul, Nancy Glass purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. John Verlin Terry.*



Dick Paul, Roger and Pam Paul, Nancy Glass - September 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM

KS

“ *IT A PRIVILEGE TO KNOW AND TO WORK WITH DR. TERRY IN SILOAM SPRINGS. HIS WEEKLY COLUMN ON ECONOMICS WAS STARTED IN OUR INTERSTATE NEWS AND THEN WAS LATER PICKED UP IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS. HE WAS A GOOD AND PROLIFIC WRITER AND WAS OFTEN THE WORD AND THE VOICE FOR PROMOTING ALLEN CANNING COMPANY AND PETERSON INDUSTRIES. I FIRST KNEW JOHN WHEN HE PASTORED THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN DECATUR. I WAS GLAD THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP AND ASSOCIATION CONTINUED THROUGH MANY YEARS. KEITH SUTTERFIELD, MAUMELLE, AR*

Keith Sutterfield - September 17, 2020 at 02:07 PM

DR

“ Dale&Kay Smith, Terry&Ruth Smith, Karen Robinson purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dr. John Verlin Terry.



Dale&Kay Smith, Terry&Ruth Smith, Karen Robinson -
September 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM

TW

“ As my instructor in Economics 101 at JBU, Dr. Terry inspired in me an interest in not only economics but also national politics. I knew him to be a minister of the Word and lover of Christ. I know that he has been ready for some time to go HOME. I thank God for John's transport.

Ted Weathers - September 15, 2020 at 11:12 AM

AR

“ ALAN ROLLER lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Verlin Terry



ALAN ROLLER - September 15, 2020 at 11:07 AM

TW

“ Dr. John Terry was interim pastor at the Kansas first Baptist Church in Kansas Oklahoma I believe back in the early 60s and the current pastor of Heard Heard brother John coming to fill the The puplrt and our church numbers times I think the Lord for His service to the Lord and also the churches Pastor Terry Wofford

terry Wofford - September 14, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MH

“ *Joan...May God comfort you and your family.*

*Mark, Carla, & John-Mark
The Hendren Gang*

mark hendren - September 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ *David Wilmoth lit a candle in memory of Dr.
John Verlin Terry*



David Wilmoth - September 13, 2020 at 05:31 AM

TA

“ *Dr. Terry baptized me when I was 14 years old at First Baptist Church in Gentry, Arkansas. He was serving as an interim pastor. That was a long time ago! But, I remember how he took care to explain what being baptized meant. Thank you Jesus, for Dr. Terry. I'm saddened to hear of his passing, but know that he is rejoicing with our Savior.*

Teresa Hall Allcorn - September 13, 2020 at 12:34 AM

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“ *To my cousins John, Joan, Luanne, and Clay. I am sorry for your loss. I haven't even met John and Joan, so you might not know who I am. I am Gene's oldest daughter. Just wanted you to know I am thinking about you.*

Cassandra Crawford (Terry) - September 12, 2020 at 01:16 PM

PZ

“ *Pastor David L Zijjan lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Verlin Terry*



Pastor David L Zijjan - September 12, 2020 at 12:51 PM

LM

“ *L. A. John Meeker lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Verlin Terry*



L. A. John Meeker - September 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JB

“ *I'm sadden about John's passing. He had an early impact on my life and was someone I considered as a role model and someone I respected very much. He was one of my dads (Ray Barnett) best friends while at John Brown University. We need more Statesmen like John in our Country today! He was very Patriotic and proud citizen of the United States. John has and will hold a special place in my life as long as I live. Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

Jonathan Barnett - September 12, 2020 at 10:48 AM

RV

“ *Our Condolences To The Terry Family.*

Randy Vohs - September 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BP

“ *Beth Knight Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Verlin Terry*



Beth Knight Patterson - September 12, 2020 at 07:23 AM