



Terrence Michael Kelly

February 12, 1972 - December 3, 2024

Terrence Michael Kelly, a beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, grandson, and friend, passed away peacefully at his home in Venice, FL, on December 3, 2024, at the age of 52. After bravely battling numerous debilitating health challenges over the years, Terry's courage and resilience remained unwavering. Born on February 12, 1972, in Somerset, New Jersey, Terry made Venice his home for the past 20 years, relocating from Tampa in 2004 to join Books-A-Million.

Terry's life was marked by his love of travel and his diverse experiences. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Shrewsbury, NJ, and then to Pymble, Australia, for two years. The family's journey continued with a five-year stay in Oakville, Ontario, followed by time in Chappaqua, New York; London, England; Miami, Florida; Battery Park City, New York; and Lido Beach, Long Island. Terry attended the University of Memphis before moving to Tampa in 1996, where he worked as a travel agent. During his nine years in Tampa, Terry used his vacation time to explore Europe, navigating the world of hostels long before the days of Airbnb.

An avid sports fan, Terry passionately followed teams such as Watford (EPL), the Rangers, the Jets, the Mets, and his beloved Memphis college teams. His love for sports extended beyond watching, as he actively participated in numerous fantasy leagues, maintaining close friendships across the country

and Canada. Before his health challenges, Terry played regular pick-up basketball games while living in New York City and served as an offensive lineman for the renowned Christopher Columbus High School football team in Miami.

Terry found great comfort in his weekly Bible study group, where he experienced a deep sense of connection and companionship.

He is survived by his sisters, Anne Kelly Banks, Mary Kelly, and Susan Kelly, his brothers, Joseph Kelly, Chuck Kelly, Peter Kelly, and Bill Kelly, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 11:00am, at Epiphany Cathedral, 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, FL 34285.

Terry fought the good fight for many years, much longer than expected. Despite his medical setbacks and pain, he rarely complained. Everyone who interacted with Terry, whether it be family, friends, nurses, doctors or aides offer the same thought regarding him and his spirit: "Terry always made me laugh". He will be deeply missed by those still here but has now been reunited with his father, Charles Kelly, mother Rosemay Kelly, and sister Peggy Breunig.

The family kindly asks that donations be made In Memory of Terrance Kelly to the Easterseals SWFL Ranch, 350 Braden Ave Sarasota, FL. 34243 to support the life-changing therapies for children, adults, Veterans, First Responders and At Risk Youth.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church
310 Sarasota Street
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 484-3505

Tribute Wall

JN

“ I met Terry 3 years ago walking to my condo that is down the hall from his. we talked and I asked if he wanted to be part of our men's bible study. He said yes. Later I asked him if he would like to look up the bible lessons we would be studying He said he would and did an excellent job. he did this for 3 years and if he thought he found something we would enjoy we would use it. I learned that Terry was a very smart man He told us about his siblings and I learned of his brother that was a Marine pilot I shared with him that I was a retired Air Force pilot with 30 years of service Lt Col Joseph Noto . I am looking forward to meeting all o Terry's siblings and I will see all of you in February.

Joseph J Noto - January 23, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JN

I believe that Terry and our group got very close and we will miss him We believe that Terry is now rejoicing in Heaven

Joseph J Noto - January 23, 2025 at 12:51 PM

PD

“ I was lucky enough to get to know Terry while being a part of his Bible study group. Despite all the challenges he dealt with Terry was such an encouragement to me. His wit and sense of humor through it all amazed me. It was also wonderful to see Terry's curiosity for life and how that led him through his journey of faith. He was an intelligent and well read individual. His sense of humor belied his keen intellect. I miss him very much.

Patrick Denney - January 22, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CH

“ I've been lucky to know Terry for close to 20 years... I'd be one of the "Canada" people that would be listed in the obituary, and we shared fantasy sports league from 2007 til his passing in December, I was lucky enough to meet him once many years ago before he wasn't able to walk anymore when he traveled up to Toronto to attend a hockey card trade show I had a booth at... we became quick friends, and we'd talk at least once a month, and got closer when I started having major heart issues, I always made him laugh when he needed it, with my out of the box sense of humor.... I'll miss you my friend.

Chris.

Chris - January 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JE

I met Terry in the late 90s when we were both travel agents. For a time he was my boss and while I was somewhat of a slacker, he moved me up to a position that better utilized my skills and really helped me get my life together. We became great friends over our shared loves of sports, poker and general knowledge. We butted heads often over our favorite sports teams but at the poker table, Terry was extremely well liked (and played the game as only he could). We had many late night discussions over a wide variety of topics. He was one of the best friends I've ever had. You will be missed Terry!

Jerry - February 11, 2025 at 02:26 PM