



Terri I. Hollrah

January 16, 2023

Terri I. Hollrah, 65, passed away peacefully at her home in the early morning hours of Monday, January 16, 2023, with her loving and devoted husband of 43 years by her side.

From the moment she entered the world, Terri's life could only be described as "miraculous." She was born on the military base in Taipei, Taiwan to Karl and Marjorie Ackerman during his posting with the Foreign Service. At just weeks old Terri survived a serious illness, and she was often told that she was lucky to be alive – a message she took to heart and embodied through her endlessly optimistic attitude and positive outlook on life.

Her husband, Glenn Hollrah, first saw "an angel" at the University of Maryland when the setting sun drew his attention to her beautiful smile. A chance encounter the next week brought them together, and they both believed God led them to find their perfect partner in each other.

When she was 45 years old, Terri experienced another miracle when she was successfully treated for ocular melanoma. Though she lost some vision in her eye (and was already deaf in one ear from the medicine that saved her as an infant), she never complained or allowed it to deter her from enjoying life to the fullest and finding the silver lining in every dark cloud, even when the cancer returned last year, and she bravely completed four clinical trials.

Terri loved children and was happiest spending time with Glenn and their four kids (and eventually, four grandchildren as well). She worked in different areas of nursing during her career but retired as a beloved school nurse and health educator. She was constantly active and especially enjoyed kayaking, taking long aerobic walks, exploring new places, and sharing her passion for nutrition and wellness with others.

Terri made everyone in her life feel loved and cared for, including her five siblings and their families, and her warmth and kindness made her a favorite at the local coffee shop of every place she lived in Maryland, Florida, Colorado, and Arizona. She will be forever missed by her husband, Glenn, her four children and their spouses: Erin and Frank Jolley, Brian and Kristin Hollrah, Kelly and Alex Gicale, and Julie and Daniel Somerville, and her four grandchildren: Sadie, Ainsley, Mahalia, and Isabella.

We cannot begin to express our deep gratitude for the many friends, family, and caregivers who supported Terri, especially in recent months.

A celebration of Terri's life will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Friday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. The address is 425 South Tamiami Trail Osprey, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Terri's name to the Tidewell Foundation or Dr. Lutzky's Research Fund at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **27**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
425 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I knew Terri from our school days in Bethesda, MD. We weren't close friends, but chatted from time to time. I always remembered that she had a constant smile, and treated each person as though they were the only one she wanted to be with at that moment. She will be missed.

Robert Broder - January 31, 2023 at 03:26 PM

SF

“ Dear Glenn and Family, Sending my deepest sympathy for the loss of Terri. Thinking of you during this time. I will always remember her and you coming to my concert to support me and her energy was so heartwarming. May you find comfort and peace during this time. - Stephanie Fenner

STEPHANIE FENNER - January 26, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ Terri always had a smile and a laugh that lit up the room. She was so dedicated to her family and loved each and every one joyfully. She was the ultimate mom. And friend. We will miss her and the light she brought to this world.

Corinne Gorzo - January 26, 2023 at 12:25 PM

SW

“ Thinking of all of you and sending love and wishes for peace and comfort.

Stephanie Wilson - January 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM

CR

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Glen and the family during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Gerry, Colleen Ryan & Family*

Colleen Ryan - January 23, 2023 at 09:02 AM

TL

Celebrating the life of a truly amazing person. She has made a difference in so many lives. Terri's shining personality will live on in our hearts. Sending prayers & comforting hugs.

Love, Terry Lyons & Family

Terry Lyons - January 26, 2023 at 04:31 PM

BC

Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family! Terri certainly was a special Mom & friend!

Beth, Ken Cobleigh and family

Beth Cobleigh - January 30, 2023 at 02:57 PM

TC

Terri's smile, laugh and engaging personality are how I remember her. She had a genuine interest in others and it showed. She was "in the moment" when you were with her, a rare gift to the world. I'm sorry that we've lost her too soon. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to Glenn and the whole family. Of all the titles she may have had in her life, she was a devoted "Mom" first and always. Love, Terry Chaconas and Ted and family

Terry Chaconas - February 01, 2023 at 03:12 PM