



## Albert Terrance Taft

January 9, 1940 - November 30, 2020

Taft, Albert "Terry" November 30, 2020 Age 80 of Westland. Loving husband, father and grandfather. Married to Ceceile for 57 years. Dad to three daughters, Shaun Taft, Shannon Taft and Stacey (Pat) Wilson. Grandfather of Austin (Marin Giovannini) Taylor, Joshua Taylor, S.S.gt. U.S Inf. and Meghan Taylor.

Brother of Shaun (Jerry) Kaufka and Michael (Diane Eshemburg) Taft.

Terry loved sports. He was a very gifted athlete and excelled in any sport he played. His early years included baseball and track. He held records at Garden City East High School in track and field that lasted for many years after he graduated. After graduation, he enlisted in the service as a M.P. and played on the Army's football team. He was recruited by the farm teams for the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Tigers. When racquetball was big, he played that. He was a very skilled bowler and played on many leagues. He played on numerous softball teams and continued playing into his 70's, only letting cancer treatment slow him down. Terry could play a round of golf either right or left-handed and won many tournaments. He started playing hockey when he turned 50 and played for 25 years. He took a lot of pride being an athlete and it brought him a lot of joy.

He was raised in Garden City and moved to Westland in 1964. He was a very social guy and was well known in the area. He is fondly known as "Mister T" or "T" by folks out in the community. He gave back to those communities by coaching recreational sports and being a member of the Knights of Columbus

and the Lions Club.

His family wants to thank all of you for your love and support. The last few years have been difficult navigating cancer. It really was heartbreaking to watch this vibrant and physically active man lose his strength. We truly appreciate all your support and prayers.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth.

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“ *Albert Terrance Taft*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I accidentally came across this obituary while looking at another one, and I am saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Terry. I worked at Amantea restaurant for many years (1998-2006) and got to know Mr. Terry over the years. He always made me feel like he cared about what was going on in my life, and often teased me about the crush that I had on a professional athlete. When I was trying to get into physician assistant school, I had difficulty getting set up with a physician to volunteer with and get a letter of recommendation. Mr. Terry overheard me talking to one of my colleagues and said “I’ll help take care of that for your kid, I got a buddy that’s a doc and I will put you in contact with him.” Mr. Terry followed through on his word and I was able to get into the program that I wanted to. While doing my medical rotations I came back to Amantea and continued working. I was able to buy him a drink as a thank you. He was such a great man that I enjoyed talking to over the years, and I will include him and your family in my prayers. It was such a pleasure to know such an awesome man!— Leah Marcotte*

**Leah Marcotte** - December 05, 2020 at 07:10 PM



*Thank you for sharing your story. My dad was really good at helping people get a head up in life.*

**Stacey Wilson** - December 08, 2020 at 08:13 AM





“ I was so grateful he was able to come to my wedding last year and meet the newest member of the Taft family  
RIP Uncle Terry



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**John Taft** - December 03, 2020 at 06:38 PM



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**Mike Taft** - December 03, 2020 at 06:20 PM



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**Mike Taft** - December 03, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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“ Terry was my 2nd oldest Brother, we went to Lions Football games at Tiger Stadium, went to Red Wing Hockey at the Old Olympia even coached Little League Football. He was always working or doing something and it was almost impossible to talk to someone who didn't like him. He was my last remaining Brother I will miss him greatly

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**Mike Taft** - December 03, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ Terry was more than just a brother in law to me and Steve. We always enjoyed time spent with him and conversations. We will miss him dearly. RIP Terry. 🥺

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**Steve and judy krisko** - December 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ I am Terry's sister, Shaun. My brother was a generous man who would help anyone who needed help. He was always ready to give. He had a very warm and outgoing personality. It was his nature to share. I saw him as a cheerful person who enjoyed his life so much. We were not raised together so childhood memories are few but adult memories are full of love. When he managed the Credit Union my 2 daughters were only 6 and 5 years old. We came over and my youngest hit the delete button on his computer. She erased all of his work. Such a patient man never let on what had happened. I found out much later. Right from when I was in my twenties, I always knew that my brother, Terry, would help me with anything I needed. I will miss him but I do know that he is safe in the loving care of Jesus and I will be together with him one day. May God bless, protect, and comfort his wife, Cyl, his daughters, Shaun, Shannon and Stacey.

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**Shaun Ann Taft Kaufka** - December 03, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Prayers to the Taft Family !! loved Terry , he was a great guy !!*

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**Daniel Gregway** - December 03, 2020 at 02:18 PM