



Dr. Terry D. Grubbs

September 25, 1948 - July 8, 2012

Dr. Terry Dale Grubbs, 63, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, July 8, 2012 in Muskogee. He was born September 25, 1948 in McAlester, Oklahoma to John Howard Grubbs and Verna Rhue Harrington Grubbs. Terry grew up in the McAlester area graduating from McAlester High School in 1966. The following year Terry began service to his country by joining the United States Army. May 26, 1967 would become a very special day as Terry would marry the love of his life, Jeanie Jackson. They celebrated 45 wonderful years together. Terry's desire to further his education continued. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 from Northeastern State College and graduated with honors from OU Dental School in 1977. He later owned and operated Muskogee Dental Group, Inc. for 32 years. Along with his passion of being a dentist, Terry loved spending time at his cabin on the lake, cooking, boating, dancing, and golfing. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Muskogee, the Rotary Club, the Shriners, the Masons, the Jesters, an O.D.A. board member for 12 years; and one of his most proud accomplishments was being a Retired Lt. Colonel of the Army Reserves. Terry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Verna Grubbs; sister, Carolyn Smith; and his son, John Howard Grubbs II. He is survived by his wife, Jeanie Grubbs of the home; daughter, Terri Webster of Muskogee; granddaughter Lizzy Grubbs of Norman, OK.; adoptive sons, Stone Sanders of Vian, OK., Blake Sanders of Cookson, OK.; grandsons, Dylan Sanders, Trace Sanders, both of Vian, OK.; brother, John

(Corky) Grubbs and wife Jane of McAlester, OK.; niece, Margaret Green of McAlester; nephews, Justin Grubbs of Florence, AL. and David Smith of Philadelphia, MS.; brother-in-law, Francis Smith of Philadelphia, MS.; in-laws, James and Jean Jackson of Muskogee, OK; and his dog, Rhue.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greenhill Cemetery
1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Jeanie and family,
We were so sad to hear about Terry. What a special guy he was! So fun-loving, caring, and giving - he will be greatly missed.*

*Thinking of you and your family and lifting you all up in prayer.
Hugs to you all,
Jim, Kim (Cohlmia) & Sarah Musgrove
San Diego*

Kim Cohlmia Musgrove - July 13, 2012 at 05:14 PM



“ *I cannot believe that he is gone! He was my dentist for several years, and was the most compassionate, caring, person. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Patti Hayes - July 13, 2012 at 08:29 AM



“ *Patti Hayes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



Patti Hayes - July 13, 2012 at 08:28 AM

KL

“ I was saddened to hear about Terry’s passing. I have reflected on the many great times we had at McAlester High School. Terry was always fun to be with. His spirit and zeal for life will be missed. Jeanie, may you be granted the strength to cope through these difficult times. Ken LaRue

Ken LaRue - July 12, 2012 at 07:13 PM

KB

“ I want to extend my condolences to your family. Dr. Grubbs was our family dentist for 20 years. We loved his funny and outgoing personality. He was always so sweet to us! I'll never forget when my youngest daughter was 7 years old and I took her and my oldest daughter in for their routine appt. I told the dental hygenist that Shelby had come home from school not feeling well and I didn't want anyone to be exposed if she was coming down with a virus. The hygenist said "of couse, thank you for telling us. We'll reschedule." Shelby started to cry because she liked seeing Dr. Grubbs! He always teased with them and gave those great "Bear Hugs" that his grand-daughter Lizzy talked about. Dr. Grubbs came in and said "what's wrong?" We told him and he gave her a big hug and said you get up in this chair. He proceeded to check her teeth, etc... until she was a happy camper again. She always remembered that. My oldest daughter commented how Dr. Grubbs always called her "Princess" and how special that always made her feel...even when she was a young adult. I could go on and on..... We loved Dr. Grubbs and he will be greatly missed.

My prayers are with you and your family,

David, Kelly, Megan and Shelby Bird

Kelly, David, Megan and Shelby Bird - July 12, 2012 at 04:18 PM

KB

“ Kelly, David, Megan And Shelby Bird lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Kelly, David, Megan and Shelby Bird - July 12, 2012 at 04:02 PM

PS

“ Pam Schwarz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Pam Schwarz - July 12, 2012 at 09:34 AM

PS

I am going to miss my cousin, Terry so much. Not only was he a wonderful dentist that never once hurt me, but a great person. He was always smiling and happy and made you feel better just being around him. He was the only person that could get away with calling me Pammy. Jeanie and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. He will be missed, but he is going to be in a much better place. Rest in peace, cousin.

Pam Schwarz - July 12, 2012 at 09:40 AM

DA

“ Della Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Della Aldridge - July 12, 2012 at 08:57 AM

DA

My heart is so sad due to the loss of a great man. Heart felt sympathy and prayers to Jeanie and family. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Della Aldridge - July 12, 2012 at 09:03 AM

TO

“ *Terri And Tinker Owens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



terri and tinker owens - July 12, 2012 at 07:18 AM



“ *I am so sad to lose such a wonderful friend & Doctor. It's been 30 years of excellant care. I will miss his smile and him patting my forhead when he sees me in the chair. Doc was such a sweet and caring man. Everyone he touched will miss him.*
Paula Bowley

Paula Bowley - July 11, 2012 at 11:19 PM

MG

“ I would like say on behalf of the family that we appreciate everyones prayers, thoughts, and support during this time. Terry Grubbs was a great man, he was always there when anyone needed him. He loved being with his family and friends. I always enjoyed getting my hugs and kisses from him and seeing his smiling face, even when he really didn't feel good. My Uncle Terry's and my relationship grew very strong over the past 7 years. He gave me strong advice even if I didn't want to hear it, and he always told me how important family was. My family spent many weekends with him on the lake, we always cherished the good times we had, whether we were playing on the water or just laying around the cabin watching western movies on tv. My family and I always cherish all of our good times with Terry and I personally will always remember our special talks. I personally am very proud to have been blessed to call him my "Uncle". There is a peace within so many of us knowing that he is no longer in pain, and that he is with our other loved ones in heaven, especially his son John. Although it is painful for us here, and the void can not be filled, I know in my heart he is truly in peace.

I will always love you Uncle Terry and miss you so much - I love to get one more hug and kiss from you just one more time - but that's not possisble so I'll cherish our last one forever.

Margaret Green and the Green Family (John, Dylan and Brayden)

Margaret (Grubbs) Green - July 11, 2012 at 07:27 PM



“ *Jeanie, Teri, and the entire Grubb's Family,*

On behalf of the Redmen/RiverHawk Golf Nation, I want to express our deepest sympathies to you. We lost a great friend and the biggest supporter of NSU Golf during my 14 year tenure here. He has been a steadfast and unconditional supporter of our golf program ever since 1998 when John came to play for us. His support will now continue under the establishment of the John Grubb's Memorial Scholarship which has already benefitted so many of our kids since it's inception in 1999. Terry was a incredible supporter of people and causes he believed in and loved. We were fortunate to be one of those causes and people. When our NSU golf teams needed anything, he was always there to fight the good fight for us. We have been able to build one of the greatest winning traditions in NCAA II Men's and Women's golf due to his significant support. He had a huge impact on our ability to build that tradition. Our kids will always be grateful to Terry Grubbs. Whenever I would try to encourage and support him during our visits, I was always the one who left being encouraged. He cared deeply about the people he loved. He was a tremendous giver in a world so full of takers. He left a a great legacy. I am planning on naming our NSU Golf Team Captain Award after him as a enduring tribute to Terry. Terry was a dear personal friend and I loved him. I will pray for you over the upcoming days and years. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. I will attend the Memorial Service to celebrate his great life and legacy.

God Bless,

*Coach Scott Varner
Director of Men's and Women's Golf
Northeastern State University*

Scott Varner - July 11, 2012 at 05:39 PM

DR

“ I am going to miss Dr. Grubbs so much. He is the only dentist I've been to. Certainly the only one I've ever trusted with my smile for over 30 years...He always complimented me on my blonde hair, then he'd take his hand and mess it up real good, and just laugh at what he'd done...there's no one like him... Like it's been said before our loss is heavens gain... See ya later Dr. Grubbs when we all get to heaven.... Darlus Reeves

Darlus Jean Reeves - July 11, 2012 at 05:32 PM

BW

“ Dear Grubbs Family,

It saddened me yesterday to hear of the loss of Doctor Grubbs. He was a great ambassador and supporter of the program. I can only imagine the difficulty and sadness your family is going through during this time, and wanted to express my heartfelt condolences. Many Redman/Riverhawks, myself included, would not have been able to have the success we have had both on and off the course without the support of your family. The support for the golfers over the years have meant more than I can put into words. Again, my condolences for your lose, he was a wonderful and generous man and will be missed by many. I wanted to remind you that because of your family's generosity with your time you now have family all over the country.

*Brian M. Ward, PGA
2006 Northeastern State Graduate
2005 John H. Grubbs II Scholarship Recipient*

Brian Ward - July 11, 2012 at 10:45 AM

BG

“ *Barbara Gatzen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



barbara gatzen - July 11, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ *I will miss Terry's smile and bear hugs. His huge heart of caring and compassion always made made my day. He was so kind to all my family and they loved him as well. He made everyone feel special. He is being welcomed into heaven by all his family and friends that loved him. I know he is still giving those big bear hugs and smiles in heaven. My prayes are with his family.*

Christine Archer - July 11, 2012 at 09:58 AM



“ *Christine Archer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



Christine Archer - July 11, 2012 at 09:45 AM

DB

“ *Donald R Burnett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



Donald R Burnett - July 11, 2012 at 09:11 AM

GE

“ *Gayle Edwards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



Gayle Edwards - July 11, 2012 at 09:10 AM



“ *Valarie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs*



Valarie Arnold - July 11, 2012 at 08:28 AM



Dr. Grubbs was the best dentist I have EVER had, along with many others I'm sure! As with most people, scared to death of dentists since I was 9 years old, but from day one I felt completely comfortable with him. What a sweet, kind, caring & compassionate man he was. And I must say that compassion was reflected in his office staff as well! He will be truly missed by all! My thoughts and prayers are with his family, as well as his dental family.

Valarie Arnold - July 11, 2012 at 08:39 AM

CP

“ *Our family went to Dr. Grubbs for years. He was always cheerful and had a smile on his face. He was especially good with our kids when they were small. He will definitely be missed by our family!! We are so sorry for your loss.*

Charlie and Linda Puckett

Charlie and Linda Puckett - July 10, 2012 at 11:32 PM

CP

“ Charlie And Linda Puckett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Charlie and Linda Puckett - July 10, 2012 at 11:20 PM

SS

“ Sharon Syfrett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Sharon Syfrett - July 10, 2012 at 09:37 PM

DC

“ Dannie & Amanda Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Dannie & Amanda Campbell - July 10, 2012 at 03:32 PM

 Doug Nail

“ Doug Nail lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Doug Nail - July 10, 2012 at 12:17 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



July 10, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ Linda Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Linda Sizemore - July 10, 2012 at 10:52 AM



“ We will never forget how kind and helpful Terry was when Jill was testing as dental hygienist and he was on the Board of examiners for Oklahoma. He made the journey fun and went way out of his way to prepare her for a great career choice. On a personal level Terry always left you wanting more of his love of life and people. Prayers of comfort to Jeanie and family. Our loss is heaven's gain. Linda, Dr. Sean and Jill Smith

Linda Sizemore - July 10, 2012 at 10:51 AM



Barbara Gatzen/Webster

barbara gatzen - July 11, 2012 at 10:24 AM

DD

“ I first met Dr. Terry Grubbs when I was a senior dental student at Baylor. He graciously met with me to discuss the field of dentistry. Later, when I moved from Texas to Oklahoma, Dr. Grubbs was a member of the state board of dental examiners. During my state board exam, he made me feel calm and comfortable (not an easy thing to do). Whenever I would see him at church, he would give me a big old bear hug. I will always have these fond memories and be grateful for meeting him.

I pray for peace and comfort for the family.

Dr. Susan Dunn - July 10, 2012 at 08:27 AM

GM

“ Ginger Wasson Murphy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Terry D. Grubbs



Ginger Wasson Murphy - July 10, 2012 at 08:17 AM

TP

“ Jeanie, and family I am heart broken to get the news our good D.D.S and Special Friend went to be with the Lord. His birthday was on same date that Glenn passed away September 25th. Words can't express my condolance to you. He was one of the greatest men on the face of the earth, always ready to help any one. You all are in my prayers. Due to health problems I may not get to attend his funeral. I will be thinking of you and praying for God to Lift You Up. Glenn hasn't left me yet seems he is still here. Soon be a year. We love you and family and really loved our good dentist. Tula , Ronnie and Steven.

Tula M. Pearce - July 10, 2012 at 01:24 AM

JP

“ *Dr. Terry Grubbs was a very caring, gentle dentist. He helped me with my fear of dentist. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.*



Janice P. - July 09, 2012 at 08:48 PM

CT

“ *There was nothing like "Dancing Grubbs"! The only man I ever knew who took multiple shirts to a party. So much fun to dance with. Rest in peace.*

Christy Ross Tolar - July 09, 2012 at 07:54 PM

SH

“ *I chose Dr. Grubs as my Dentist because of the love and care he showed when working with the children at the Oklahoma School f/t Blind. He has been my friend for r8 . I.will miss him. Love Sherry Holder*

Sherry holder - July 09, 2012 at 06:29 PM