



## William Terry, D.O.

July 23, 1918 - October 28, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 535 Cathay Street. Rev. P. David Saunders, Pastor. Pastor Willie F. Casey will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Ave., on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present at 7:00 p.m. for the family hour. At 7:30 p.m., the Omega Memorial Service will be conducted under the auspices of the Brothers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. William Foster Terry was one of eight children born on July 23, 1918 in Columbus, OH to Theodore and Nettie (Kersey) Terry. Bill attended University of Wilberforce Ohio and served four and a half years in the US. Army. He later attended Wayne State University in Detroit, MI and received his Bachelor of Science degree in June 1955. In 1962, he received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. He accepted Christ at a young age at Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, OH. In 1963, Bill moved to Saginaw, MI and completed his intern at Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital. He went into general practice at St. Luke, Saginaw General, St. Mary's and Saginaw Osteopathic Hospitals. Dr. Terry was the first black Doctor of the Osteopathic Hospital in Saginaw. Bill and Gayle Brown were united in marriage on January 14, 1989. He was a member of First Baptist Church, the YMCA, American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, Michigan Medical Association, Frontiers International, Flint Chapter, Omega

Psi Phi, Chi Xi Chapter, co-founder of Omega Psi Phi in Flint and Midland, MI, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Bahi Faith of America, Epicurian Lodge #674, IBPOE of Saginaw, the Buena Vista Lions Club, Saginaw County Osteopathic Society and many others. Bill received numerous certificates and awards for his service in the community. He enjoyed golf, playing dominoes, bowling, walking, travel, shopping, dancing, and gardening roses. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Gayle; daughters, Gina Terry of Grand Blanc, MI and Yvonna Terry of Saginaw, MI; one step-son, Daryl (Teer) Strickland of Long Beach, CA; one granddaughter, Madison Faye Terry-Willard of Grand Blanc, MI; two grandsons, Aaron and Justin, both of Long Beach, CA; one brother, Emerson (Gloria) Terry; sisters-in-law, Virgella Terry, Lorain, OH, JaMoon Terry of San Francisco, CA; one brother-in-law, Benny (Nona) Brown of Lansing, MI; a special daughter, Earnesta (Dr. Eric) Taylor, Esq. of Mission, TX; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Dr. Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Nettie Terry; six siblings, Theodore Jr. (Glasda) Terry, Robert and Carlton Terry, Theola (Earl) Fossett, Eliner (Thomas) Dudley and Margaret "Betty" (John) James; and the mother of his children, Vera Terry. The family would like to express special thanks to Physicians Choice Home Health Care, Henderson, NV, Home Health Care Specialists, Henderson, NV, Cottages of Green Valley, Henderson, NV, Creekside Home Health Care Hospice, Las Vegas, NV, St. Mary's Pas Program, Tender Loving Care Home Health Care, Saginaw, MI, Medical Professional Inc., Flint, MI and Visiting Nurses Association Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimers Association-Greater Michigan Chapter.

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ Our prayers are with you and your family be strong god know'w best. We love you and we will be prayers are with you.

exie robinson - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ We are unable to be with the family at this time but we want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you.

*"God saw you getting weary, So He did what He thought best. He came and stood beside you, and Whispered come and rest. You wished no one a last farewell, Nor even said goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why. When God called you to come and rest, You didn't go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God took you home."*

Wayne & Joanne Mumford - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ May God continually Bless you and direct your steps at this special time of need. You're in my prayers.

Natalie M. Mumford - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the Family. Know that he will be missed but not forgotten. WE LOVE YOU!

Brian & Joan Spears - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bill will be greatly missed. 'Gayle, Bill and I traveled to Barbados and Aruba where we had lots of fun golfing and dancing. Bill always kept a smile and was always there to help those who needed help. He was a very compassionate man. God has called Bill home and said, Servant job well done!!*

*Rest in peace, Bill and we will see you again.*

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**Julia Morris** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *You have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Marvin Lett** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *May the Lord strengthen and support you at this time. We will be praying for the family. We love you all.*

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**Patrick & Jerlean Phillips** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *|Our prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Phyllis Lett Sherrill** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Gina,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Anna*

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**Anna Kaczmar** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Gayle, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you. We hope you find comfort in your faith and God's love.*

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**Robert and Sandra Evans** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Gina and Maddie:  
I want to express my deepest sympathy for your loss.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers daily and I want you to know that we (Delphi Dolls) are here for you. Whatever you need.....just ask.  
Love ya!!!!  
Mary Lou*

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**Mary Lou Palazzolo** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Gayle,  
I would like to say thank you for all the time that I had with Bill the past few months. I enjoyed taking care of him, everyday, and I will never forget our time together. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers !!!!!*

*Kriss Spear  
VNSS*

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**Kriss Spear** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Just to let cousin Gayle and family know that my prayers and positive thoughts are with you at this time of Bill's death. Please be comforted by the knowledge that he is in a peaceful place and no longer suffers.*

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**Pat Coles-Chalmers** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Doctor Terry, Father Weathersby, and I, all neighbors, played golf together every day for how many years, I don't remember. But it was all for fun. We never kept score, if we had we would have run out paper.

*I knew him as a highly respected physician, he and Dr. John Carter practice at the Osteopathic Hospital and later at the other hospitals in Saginaw.*

*Finally, he was a good neighbor, my children learned how to swim in his pool and we spent quality time together. My prayer is that he rests in peace. May God be with him and each of us until we meet again.*

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**Rick Venable** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ As a fellow Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Brother of Dr Terry's, I'd like to express my sadness in hearing of his passing and offer prayers of support to his family. Brother (Dr.) Terry served the Tri-city community well via his medical expertise. In addition, he served our fraternity greatly as one of the founders of both the Midland and Saginaw chapters. We will miss him dearly,

*Sincerely,*

*Brother Roland Wallace  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity(Midland Pi Pi Chapter)*

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**Roland Wallace** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Gayle just know that God has taken Dr. Terry to a better place. Family continue to hold on to God's unchainging hand.*

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**Dr. Lee and Norma Mason** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dear Vonna & Gina,*

*My prayers and thoughts are with you both at this very sorrowful time in your lives. I wish I could attend the funeral as you celebrate your father's life. He was truly a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Be strong in the Spirit of the Lord and He will comfort you and give you peace.*

*Always, Terrie*

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**Terrie Marsh** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dearest Gina, You and Maddie are in our hearts and prayers. We are so sorry for the loss of the most beloved man in your life, and for Maddie's grandfather. Your dad was a very special man and will be missed by all those who knew him. We feel blessed that we had a chance to meet him.

Just know how much we love you and are here for you and Maddie through the pain in your heart and sorrow you feel, just as you were there for us.

God bless our girls and may he wrap his arms around you and give you comfort.

Hugs and kisses

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**Terry&Karen Szymon** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My prayers are with the family as they go through this time. May the Lord strengthen and keep you.

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**Lucy Erby & Family** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *The loss of a loved one saddens the heart of all who have loved and known the deceased. Although we mourn, we celebrate the life of Bill, his friendship and most of all his faith.*

*To Gale and immediate family; the Morris family mourns with you in the physical departure of Bill from Earth yet we celebrate the beginning of his eternal life with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray peace be with your family, happiness in the memories of your time with Bill and inspiration to have the faith in Christ has he did.*

*God Bless,  
The Morris Family*

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**Tim & Aiesha Morris** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Blessng and peace to you Gale.Love has not ended but has gone on to await you some other day with your loving husband Dr. Terry.Be at peace because he is now in the loving arms of our Holy Father Jesus Christ. My thoughts are with you and know that I do care even if I am not there physically with you.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Tom Chatman** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Hi Gayle:

*We extend our deepest condolences as Dr. Terry has made his transition, laying aside his earthly garment to get back to God. We do not say good by but good day and our prayer for you and him is The light of God surrounds you.  
The power of God enfolds you,  
The presence of God watches over you, and wherever you are God is and all is well.*

*Blessings*

*Marcus Jr.*

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**Rev. Marcus Burden** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ HI GAYLE:

*IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME - I WAS SO SORRY TO HEEAR OF THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND - DR. TERRY. I'M KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS. SORRY I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND - I WAS STILL MA RECOVERING FROM BACK SURGERY. TAKE CARE AND I'M PRAYING FOR YOU.  
JOAN*

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**JOAN CRAWFORD** - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM