



Terrence Summers Carlson

July 4, 1934 - April 25, 2022

Terrence Summers Carlson's last days on this earth were spent in the same manner as his life. He went about the quiet work of telling most anyone within his reach that they are loved, that they matter, and that they have a Heavenly Father who has a plan for them. Even as he succumbed to complications due to cancer, he imparted to neighbors, friends and family his same simple message. This was Terry's gift. This was Terry's mission. This was Terry's life.

Born in Tacoma, Wash. as a sickly orphan at the peak of the Depression on July 4, 1934, Terry was raised by an aging couple who instilled in him the importance of taking in "the strays" and helping the stranger. At age 11, the tragic death of a boyhood friend sent him visiting church after church seeking deeper answers to life: ones he found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was, from the earliest age, a missionary of those truths.

Terry graduated high school in Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw, Wash. 1950, later attending Brigham Young University. There, he joined an elite group of runners nationwide chasing the first 4-minute mile. He served in the Army during the Korean War, later spending his career in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and Colorado at various corporations, including Boeing, Sealander, and Brown-Strauss Steel, before becoming a small business owner in the elder care industry.

He raised four children with his first wife, Carloyn, primarily in Anchorage, Alaska, then later raised five stepchildren in Colorado with his second wife, Judy, who died in 2014.

Together Terry and Judy served two missions for the LDS Church, including in South Africa from 2001 to 2003 where they ministered in townships such as Sharpeville that had been ravaged by poverty and apartheid. Later, the couple served in the LDS institute program in Jackson, Mississippi from 2005 to 2006.

Terry moved to Lindon, Utah in 2018 where he and his beloved dog Charlie became the unofficial mayors of the Avalon apartment complex. The two could be seen continually making the rounds checking on other neighbors as Terry imparted his simple message of love to friends and strangers.

He is preceded in death by his former wife and the children from that marriage: Deborah, Michael and Kerry. He is survived by son Eric Carlson, of St. George, Utah; and stepchildren Stephanie Grant, of Bend, Oregon; Stacy Edwards, of Cedar Hills, Utah; Shelley Schroeder, of Orem, Utah; Marcus Franck, of Charlotte, N.C.; and Matthew Franck, of St. Louis, Mo.-- in addition to 36 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Lindon 16th Ward
610 W 100 S,
Lindon, UT

Interment

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Orem City Cemetery
1520 N 800 E
Orem, UT

Tribute Wall



“ Terrence Summers Carlson

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“ Terry was so kind when I moved into Avalon, he befriended me, brought me the Sacrament and was a comfort to me when tragedy came. He took me to meet the Bishop so he could get acquainted with me. He was understanding and always had an upbeat attitude. He was the first to greet new residents and welcome them into the community. I'm so grateful for his friendship and a caring heart. He will very missed here at Avalon and at church.

Sally Winfree - May 06, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ My dear friend, Terry, is being sorely missed. We have been neighbors at Avalon and had such amazing times together. Both fans of BYU sports we sometimes shared those events. Terry always welcomed those newly arrived here and made sure the rest of us did as well. And, of course, sweet Charlie was always close by. COVID slowed us all down and I treasure that isolation restrictions relaxed so we could socialize better. These last months he fought hard to still get about and bless us all until it became impossible. I feel so blessed to have had Terry in my life!

Tammy Oldham - May 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ They were like my missionary parents in Johannesburg South Africa mission, every missionary lives them. May their sweet spirit and soul Rest In Peace till we shall meet again.

Julius Charles Kashihakumwa - May 03, 2022 at 06:35 PM