



Terry Trevon James

January 15, 1959 - June 22, 2022

To remember Terry's life and personality, it cannot be written without 1st going to the dictionary and looking up the word: Obituary, because that is what he would do. Obituary: a notice of a person's death with a biographical account. Then, he would remind you that, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" – 2 Corinthians 5: 8.

Terry Trevon James was born on January 15, 1959, to the union of the late Willie Don James and "Jelly" James. He always said it's Martin Luther King Jr's B-Day too. Terry was one of 6 children born to this union; he was 2nd oldest and the oldest brother. He never let you forget that you should, "Listen to Your Big Brother!"

Terry loved the Lord and accepted Christ at an early age. He was born and raised Catholic, attending St. Elizabeth Grade School and Church in Chicago, IL where he served as an Altar Boy.

Terry was also a Boy Scout and was a lead scout. He loved to earn his patches and was an example for the younger Scouts.

Growing up, Terry was taught by his Dad ("Don"), that it was his job as the older brother to look out for his sisters and brother. Terry took that literally and applied it to the oldest child, whom he

affectionately called, "Big Sister" and would say to her, "now Big Sister, listen to your Big Brother!" Terry also learned the skills of painting and being a handy man from Dad. Mom was instrumental to his caring and loving, which complimented those protective skills taught by Dad. Terry loved to ride his bike as a kid and tragically, at the age of 13, he was injured on his bike by a hit and run driver. As a result, he suffered physical and mental injuries and his life changed forever. However, Terry's personality, love for family with the motto, "Family Comes 1st!" still gave him purpose. He was able to attend special programs, where he developed skills to help him in his day-to-day life. Terry worked for years at Courtesy Home Center in Chicago and at McDonald's until his illness became more challenging. Yet, that did not stop his intellect, love of the dictionary or love of music with a collection of radios. He even discovered Google and insisted on getting an iPhone 13! Terry also lived on a 40-acre farm with his brother where he was able to cultivate his love of animals, learning how to care for goats, cows, horses, to raise seedlings, and plant. As his illness progressed, Terry lived in several specialized care facilities with the last being, EC in Riverwoods, IL. As always, he had many "adopted daughters and sons" and was a walking blueprint of the building. He loved to walk and with his loving personality, he won the hearts of many of the

employees and residents on his daily walks. To know Terry was to love Terry. He gave from his heart and if you were lucky, he would bless you with a "72 Mega Millions" check.

Terry leaves to cherish his memory, a loving mother; four sisters; one brother; several nephews; several nieces; several great nephews; several great nieces and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends, especially in our huge extended Family. "Family Comes First!"

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

11500 S. Fairfield
Chicago, IL 60655

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center
7046 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center
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Funeral Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial/Interment

JUL 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Terry Trevon James*

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ *My condolences to the family*



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