



## Mr. Willie Lee Terry

October 17, 1941 - September 20, 2022

On October 17, 1941, Willie Lee Terry was born in Carrolton, Alabama to the union of Andrew and Bessie Terry. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepparents, Florida Terry and Russell Butler and sister, Sheila Renee Bills. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age where he joined Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor William Alexander. Willie believed in the power of education and knowledge as he excelled in his studies. He attended schools in East St. Louis, IL. He graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1959 where he was a star athlete in football and track. He received an academic and athletic scholarship to the University of Michigan. After receiving an injury which ended his athletic career he returned home. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served 8 years. He would go on to further his education and receive certificates and degrees from local institutions. Willie was employed by McDonnell Douglas for 32 years in Information Technology. He retired in 2003. Willie reunited with Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor David Crockett. He was a faithful usher for many years. He attended Sunday school class as he loved learning about the Lord and discussing the Bible. Willie was a member of the Silver Cups Social Club for many years which included a group of his closest friends. Willie leaves to cherish his memories his sons, Michael Terry (Sheila) of Oviedo, FL and Bryan Barber of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Rosalyn Edwards of St. Louis, MO; sister, Shirley Hodges (Charles) of Fairview Heights, IL; grandchildren, Sean

Terry (Alexandria) of Dallas, TX, Lauren and Allison Terry of Oviedo, FL; three great grandchildren, Sean Jr., Blake and Skylar; nephews, Andre and Alex Hodges and a host of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Hope Baptist Church  
2240 Missouri Ave  
East St. Louis, IL 62205

### Graveside

SEP 28. 1:30 PM (CT)

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### Service

SEP 28. 11:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *Willie and I were roommates at the University of Michigan in 1959. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was outstanding person both athletically and academically! May his memory be a blessing.* ”

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**Marshall H Sanders, Jr** - November 14, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Terry.* ”



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September 27, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Terry.* ”



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September 26, 2022 at 02:32 PM