



## Terry Arthur King

May 15, 1957 - January 29, 2021

Terry Arthur King,

63, known affectionately by his friends as Bear, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2021 of COVID 19. Terry was born to Arthur King and Nelda King (Garner) on May 15, 1957 in Marion, Indiana. Terry was preceded in death by his father, Arthur King; and his brother, Dale King.

A lifelong resident of the eastside of Indianapolis, Terry graduated from Warren Central High School in 1975; and Indiana University in 1981 with a B.A. in History. Terry was a big sports enthusiast. As a youngster you could almost always find Terry on the basketball court playing a pick-up game with his friends. IU Basketball was his favorite, and he had season tickets to the Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts and often attended IU football games in Bloomington. He rarely missed an Indianapolis 500 Mile Race and his stories from those times are legendary.

Terry also loved to ride motorcycles. He spent a lot of time on his Harley riding in the wind. (It's the journey, not the destination). It was an annual tradition for him to participate in the Miracle Ride which raised money for Riley Children's Hospital. Terry loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a very loving son who cared for and was devoted to his mother, Nelda.

Terry worked for nearly 40 years at PPG Industrial Coatings in Brazil, IN (formerly known as IVC) as a scheduler. Terry considered his co-workers at PPG his extended family and would often buy breakfast and lunch for them on the weekends.

Terry is survived by his mother, Nelda King; and sister-in-law, Carolyn King; with extended family in Marion and Ft. Wayne; and loving friends from all over the U.S.

A graveside service will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Washington Park East Cemetery, 10612 East Washington Street. A Celebration of Life service is being planned for May 15, 2021.

Instead of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice with Terry's blessing. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Tribute Wall

GB

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**Gary Bortner** - October 11, 2021 at 10:13 PM

JB

“ Trying to think of the best memories of Terry is difficult to say the least. They are all good and they blend together into an image of my friend that will always be there when I think of him.

The first time I met him was after he had moved to Bloomington to finish his IU degree. I'll always treasure the fun we had together during the short time he was there, whether it be the parties we attended or trips to get food in his Gremlin, “The Green Lightning”, or watching IU basketball games knowing they would win, and watching IU football games knowing they wouldn't.

Our friendship continued and grew over the years when we were housemates in Indianapolis for several years, hanging out together, going out together, and of course riding our Harleys together, including a trip to Fort Lauderdale that took longer to make than the actual time we were there. We also ventured to such far away and exotic places as California, St. Louis, Chicago, Canada, and even Mexico, and the trips with Terry all had one thing in common...a great friend and a really fun guy to travel with.

After he moved to Grand Haven for his job he would come back to Indianapolis to visit his mom, dad, brother, and his friends, and we visited him in Michigan when we could, before he eventually returned to live in his home town.

I remember the few times I was fortunate enough to spend time with him and his parents and how obvious his love for them was...Art and Nelda meant everything to him...as did his brother Dale, who Terry and I would joke with until the 3 of us were laughing hysterically about something I'm sure wasn't even funny.

About 12 years after I met Terry he did me the honor of being my Best Man when I got married and he was there with me, 28 years ago, when I began the journey I am now on, with my wonderful wife and three incredible children who proudly called him “Uncle Bear”. They were fortunate enough to know him and even attend Indy 500 races with him so they could appreciate just how nice and funny a man he really was.

While it saddens me that my friend is gone another one of our good friends said something recently that really resonated with me: “looking forward to when thinking of him will make me glad and not

*sad". I'm not there yet but I know our friend Terry, "Bear", wants us all to get to that place.  
Rest in Peace, Bear*

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**Jeffrey Lipp, aka Boo Boo** - February 08, 2021 at 11:22 PM

**BB**

*Be forewarned...there is a character limitation on your name...signed  
Boo BOO*

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**Boo BOO** - February 08, 2021 at 11:23 PM

**GB**

“ *Back before cellphones, it was still easy to track down Bear. He'd be at just one of 4 places: Work, the gym, Taco Bell, or home watching sports, and pretty much in that order.*

*He did like his Taco Bell. But he had an unusual way of ordering. Whereas most people would order a couple taco, a burrito, maybe a gordita or chalupa. Bear would pull up and order \$10 worth of food. Like he's low on gas and needs about \$10 worth to top it off.*

*Well Bear's in the Great Taco Bell in the Sky now. Here's hoping they have free weights and a large screen TV.*

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**Gary Bortner** - February 06, 2021 at 05:12 PM

**GB**

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**Gary Bortner** - February 06, 2021 at 04:51 PM

LS

“ Over 36 years of working with someone a lot of memories are had, good memories that will be etched in all time IVC / PPG lore. We shared a lot of good times over the years , sporting events , parties IVC get together like family. We always talked about after we all retired getting together and swapping IVC stories over a dinner. Sadly now this won't happen here on earth but maybe someday in the afterlife my brother. Miss our e mail conversations since I retired and watching our Pacer games with Bev and I. We always looked forward to you coming over and it was a great time . RIP brother TK  
Larry Schirmer

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**Larry Schirmer** - February 06, 2021 at 10:26 AM

TL

“ Bear you was a great inspiration too many of us at IVC. we shared a lot of great times over the last 32 years. You will be missed by many people. RIP peace my dear friend.

Tim Ledford



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**Tim Ledford** - February 05, 2021 at 06:05 PM

JT

“ Julie Tassin lit a candle in memory of Terry Arthur King



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**Julie Tassin** - February 05, 2021 at 03:23 PM

CS

“ I met Terry when I was 20 years old. He was my boss for 7 years. Terry was just an awesome dude! One of the most genuine people I have had the pleasure to know. I can recall countless conversations about sports and history. My god he was a sports buff! He will be missed.  
-Cole Smith

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**Cole Smith** - February 05, 2021 at 12:26 PM

WH

*I ran marathons and competed in triathlons. Terry used to tell me what an awesome runner you are.*

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**William J Harris** - February 05, 2021 at 03:41 PM

MH

“ Terry was a super nice guy that I enjoyed talking to and riding with.

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**Michael Harris** - February 05, 2021 at 10:52 AM

NC

“ Terry was like a second father to be. He gave me my opportunity and hired me via IVC industrial coatings. I will never forget the memories we shared and the goals we achieved together as friends and as my colleague. Never have I met a bigger gentleman with amazing character. I'm certainly going to miss you my friend. Rest easy Big guy. Thank you for everything.

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**Nathan Cloud** - February 05, 2021 at 06:43 AM



BH

“ It is hard to share just a single memory of someone you have known for over 50 years. The thing I will remember most as adults is attending Colts and Pacer games. I especially will remember meeting for breakfast before Colts games and having time to talk for a couple of hours before the game. We also spent a lot of time riding our Harleys together. I loved him like a brother. Rest in peace Terry.

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**Bill Harris** - February 04, 2021 at 11:54 PM

BS

“ Terry was an ex-coworker and friend of my husband's, Larry Schirmer, and he came to our home to watch the Pacer games. We took turns buying pizza and cookies. He was such wonderful company and I always looked forward to his visits. Larry called him Big Guy or TK and know he enjoyed coming to our place to watch the Pacers play. We loved Big Guy and are saddened of this loss of our dear friend. We will never forget him ever.

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**Beverly Schirmer** - February 04, 2021 at 11:43 PM

LS

“ I worked with Terry for 36 + years till I retired. There was never a more dedicated harder worker than Terry. We were getting together a lot in recent years to watch Pacers and eat pizza. Loved our times spent together. Miss him so much and will never forget my brother

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**larry Schirmer** - February 04, 2021 at 11:27 PM

GE

“ So many Great Times spent with Terry and Friends Al Grote and Bill Harris.  
Few knew Sports Trivia like Terry and fewer still were as Special as He was.  
I will Miss You, my Brother 🙏🙏🙏

Geno - February 04, 2021 at 11:03 PM

LS

*Absolutely*

Larry Schirmer - February 04, 2021 at 11:37 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 04, 2021 at 04:05 PM



*had lots of fun with terry and al an bill ,geno , big mike R.i.p. brother*

Wade Means - February 04, 2021 at 10:48 PM

JT

*In the 3 short years I have had the pleasure of knowing Terry, I am truly blessed to have called him friend. He is True one of the best men I have ever met. Big heart and kind soul. Terrys kindness, and gentle demeanor has touched so many lives. Terry will be missed. I pray god's love embraces his family and friends with comfort.*

Julie Tassin - February 05, 2021 at 03:28 PM