

MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CHESTER M. "CHET" TERRY

MAY 8, 1944 — OCTOBER 27, 2023



Israel Baptist Church Historic Sanctuary

1220 N. Chester Street at E. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21213

Rev. Dr. H. Walden Wilson, II — Pastor

Saturday, November 18, 2023 — 1:00pm

Rev. Dr. Jay Williams — officiating

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ORDER OF SERVICE OF DEATH & RESURRECTION

PRELUDE	Slideshow and Musical Selections
WELCOME, WORDS OF GRACE, & OCCASSION	<i>Rev. Dr. Jay Williams</i>
OPENING PRAYER	
ACKNOLWEDGMENT OF ELEANOR TERRY	<i>Ada Brown</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“Because He Lives” <i>Mae Read</i>
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Ecclesiastes 3 and 9 (selections) <i>Quinton Holley & Finley Long</i>
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 23 <i>Calvin Long</i>
READING OF OBITUARY	<i>Carl Long</i>
REMEMBRANCES AND WITNESSES	<i>Leslie Holley</i> <i>Bridget Terry Long</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	“His Eye Is On the Sparrow” <i>Mae Read</i>
HOMILY	“Thanksgiving” <i>Rev. Dr. Jay Williams</i>
SELECTED READING	Epitaph by Merrit Malloy <i>Malcolm Holley</i>
COMMENDATION AND BLESSINGS	
SENDING FORTH & POSTLUDE	

After the program, please proceed to the reception and dinner at McCormick & Schmick’s in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

REMEMBERING CHET

Chester M. Terry, (79), passed away on October 27, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Formerly of Ponte Vedra, FL, he spent the last months of his life in the Boston, MA area.

Chester, fondly known as Chet, was born to Marion M. and Eliza B. Terry, on May 8, 1944, in Clarksville, VA. A graduate of West End High School, he joined the Air Force in 1963 and served in California and the Azores, gaining training as a communications technician. After being honorably discharged, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Eleanor, in Baltimore, MD, and they married in 1968. Chet completed his bachelor's degree at Loyola University Maryland and joined the Xerox Corporation, where he was known for his strong work ethic, intelligence, and large network of friends. He retired after a successful 34-year career at Xerox, first in sales, then management, and finally as a senior human resources professional.

A devoted father, Chet instilled in his children a strong commitment to education, an ethos he also encouraged for the other young people in his life. He readily came to the aid of his daughters and supported their varied interests and endeavors, often traveling far distances to attend a performance or share an important milestone. Chet was also a dedicated husband, recently celebrating 55 years of marriage. His love for his wife was undeniable, from the flowers he often bought her, the many trips they took together, and the ways he cared for her in her declining health. Chet also had a boisterous laugh and enjoyed playing with his four grandsons, going to baseball games, and listening to music.

Chet is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two daughters, Bridget and Leslie, son-in-law, Carl, and four grandsons, Quinton, Finley, Malcolm, and Calvin. He is also survived by his six siblings, Lola Laney, Marion Terry, Jr. (Barbara), Vera Garner, Evonnie Gbadebo, Fred Terry, and Torres Terry (Dorita), and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his mother and father, whom he supported generously until their final days.

In lieu of giving flowers, the family asks that those who are able to make a donation to a local college scholarship fund or the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a nonprofit organization focused on dismantling racism and advancing the human rights of all people.

The family of Chet Terry would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, messages, and support during this time of loss and grief.

We celebrate the many ways Chet will live on in our lives.

*“... when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.”*

Maya Angelou
When Great Trees Fall

For the program, Zoom link, and recording (to be posted afterward), please go to: unionboston.org/chet

For more information about Chet's life and to leave a tribute or story, please visit: www.forevermissed.com/chester-terry