



# Terry Kean Lankford

May 6, 1939 - April 29, 2023

Terry Kean Lankford, 83, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023, in St. Peters, Missouri. Terry was born May 6, 1939, in Fort Payne, Alabama, to the late William Benjamin Lankford and Lillie Mae (Kean) Lankford. He was a 1957 graduate of DeKalb County High School. Terry married the love of his life, Betty Jo Mills, in 1967.

A long-time resident of Fort Payne, Terry worked for the State of Alabama Highway Department, DeKalb County Road Department, and served as the County Clerk of DeKalb County. He also served on the Fort Payne City School Board and later worked at DeSoto Printing after retiring from public service. Terry had a flair for storytelling with a good sense of humor. He loved working on New York Times crossword puzzles, was a fan of Alabama Football, and enjoyed an array of music, playing the guitar, and singing.

Terry was a member of Asbury Christian Fellowship. Rev. Wayne Killian, Rev. Andy Curtis, and Rev. Darrell Morgan will officiate the funeral services.

Pallbearers: Gavin Lankford, Ben Lankford, Mike Hester, Tim Reed, Chris King, and Chris Mills. Honorary Pallbearers: Jon Hester, Bradley Sills, and Jackson Sills.

Terry is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Benjamin, and daughter-in-law, Lauri (Larsen) Lankford; grandchildren, Lindsey and Gavin Lankford; sisters, Peggy Bailey and Benetta Hughes (Ronald Hughes); sister-in-law, Carolyn Mills; and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins. Terry was preceded in death by his sisters Virginia Reed and Mary Ann Hester.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11:00 am, until 1:00 pm time of service at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Payne, Alabama, followed by burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Fort Payne. A reception will be held at Asbury Christian Fellowship following the conclusion of the graveside service

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Beverly Diane White - May 06, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Kean Lankford.



May 04, 2023 at 05:01 PM

JH

“ Betty, I am so sorry to hear about Terry, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe Holloway - May 03, 2023 at 01:48 PM

AB

“ Betty, Im so sorry to see this announcement~~~ I know your heart is broken. Please know, my prayers and sympathy are for you and your family for healing strength and understanding. Be strong .and keep the faith. Much love to you....

Annette Baugh....

Annette Baugh - May 03, 2023 at 01:43 PM

ET

Ahhh Betty! My heart is broken for you. Terry was a dear friend to Ed AND me. We loved his sense of humor and his storytelling! Prayers for you, sweetheart, and I wish, with all my heart, that Ed and I could be with you at this time. If possible , we would be, but with Ed's fractured back and other issues, he is in the hospital in Rome. We dearly love you and always have, and will!!

Ed and Margaret Thacker - May 06, 2023 at 07:54 AM

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“ *Your Ameren CI-ATO Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Terry Kean Lankford.*



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**Your Ameren CI-ATO Team** - May 03, 2023 at 12:39 PM