



Terrance "Terry" Wayne Nighswanger

November 9, 1948 - July 2, 2025

Terrance "Terry" Wayne Nighswanger, 76, of Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at the Arc of Chillicothe.

He was born on November 9, 1948 in Peoria, IL to Reginald and Marilyn (Morgan) Nighswanger. He married Patricia L. McDaniel on 08/11/1988 in Key West, FL.

Surviving is his wife Patricia of Peoria; two children, Melissa Nighswanger and Ehrin Michael (Sandy) Nighswanger both of Peoria; three grandchildren, Michaela and Ellie Nighswanger, and Jefferson Schott; and he was blessed with three great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, Jerry Lee Nighswanger of Allen, TX and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, James "Jimmy" R Sellers II.

Terry served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1973. He then went on to college

where he received his Bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and then later received two Master's Degrees. He worked as a Counselor at Bradley University for over 22 years and then with Whole Life Solutions until retiring. Terry also worked nights for many years with the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

He was a member of Northwoods Community Church in Peoria, where he served for many years as an Usher. Terry enjoyed photography, working out, taking care of his house plants, yard and cheering for the Bradley Braves and the Dodgers. He loved music and had an extensive album collection, and traveling. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Terry will be remembered for having a great compassion for people, helping people both professionally and academically, and for always lending a friendly ear.

Cremation will be accorded and a Celebration of life will be at 1pm on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Northwoods Community Church, with a reception following until 4 pm. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service is in charge of cremation.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.SchmidtHaller.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Terrance "Terry" Wayne Nighswanger

Sonny Boy and Sandy - July 18, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DC

“ Terry was one of the good guys, always willing to help when he could, and engage in good conversation.

Dennis Crowell - July 14, 2025 at 10:25 PM

SS

“ One of the things that I will ALWAYS remember is your love and appreciation you had for Nature and the outdoors. Dad, you will forever be missed!

Sonny Boy and Sandy - July 14, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LS

“ Terry was always wonderful to share Holidays with. He was a great conversationalist and always made you feel like part of his family. He'll be missed. \n\nLove and hugs too you all.

Lee & Steve Saathoff - July 14, 2025 at 09:01 AM

ZD

“ I remember going to the YMCA with Terry and Ehrin back in high school in the 90's. He was such a great father figure and great man. He will be missed and forever remembered. Rest in peace Terry!!

Zach Dietrich - July 14, 2025 at 09:01 AM

AR

“ Rest in peace Terry; you were one of the best men I ever had the pleasure of knowing.

Adam Roecker - July 13, 2025 at 07:58 PM

RC

“ I knew Terry years ago and reconnected when we became backyard neighbors in 2011. Enjoyed our many talks and our discussions about plants etc! He was very compassionate and kind when we spoke before I had major surgery. My sympathy to all his family and loved ones. Ronalee covington

Ronalee covington - July 13, 2025 at 09:24 AM

SR

“ I worked with Terry for many years at Bradley. He always had a friendly smile and quick wit. He was a kind and compassionate colleague. I always enjoyed seeing him on campus. I am sad to learn of his passing. Susan Parziale Rapp

Susan Parziale Rapp - July 12, 2025 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ Rest in Peace my friend. Good times at PHS and the 685th Trans Co.

Mike Marr - July 12, 2025 at 01:40 PM

GB

“ I worked with Terry for many years at The Center For Prevention Of Abuse. He was a good co-worker, and a great friend. He was always open, kind, and generous. I'm sorry for his family, friends, and the entire community. Few people knew what a daily contribution Terry made to all around him...Terry, this works will miss you so...

Geneva Becker - July 12, 2025 at 10:14 AM

MH

“ Terry loved Nature, he would comment on our trail rides at Oak Run \"how the Forrest smelled\". A tree in your honor. We love you, RIP buddy.

Melzsch, Sally and Charlie (and B in heaven) - July 11, 2025 at 09:28 PM

AN

“ Best Friend Love Forever

Anonymous - July 11, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TW

“ We send you all our love during this difficult time. Todd and Paty

Todd Walker - July 11, 2025 at 05:41 PM

KW

“ Holding you in our thoughts during this time. Sending love and hugs.

Kate Walker - July 10, 2025 at 02:44 PM

AN

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and
Cremation Services

**A Memorial Tree was planted for Terrance \"Terry\" Waybe Nighswanger - July
09, 2025 at 04:20 PM**