Terry "T.C." Clampitt

February 26, 1942 - March 8, 2025

Terry “T.C.” D. Clampitt, 83, of East Peoria, played his final round at 3:17 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025. And while we’re fairly certain he fudged his scorecard one last time, we’ll let it slide.

A lifelong lover of golf, fast cars, cold beer, and dishing out just the right amount of grief to his friends, T.C. had a way of making every day feel like a Saturday on the course.

For years, he made the annual pilgrimage to Tippecanoe Country Club with his crew, where he perfected the fine arts of “casual” rule-bending, heckling putts, and ensuring no beer ever went uncracked. If there was a good time to be had, you could bet T.C. was at the heart of it—stirring up just enough trouble to keep things interesting.

Though he’s now teeing off in the great beyond, T.C. leaves behind a family who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his longtime partner, Pat. He is survived by his son Greg and his wife, Christina, along with their three children, Cris, Adalyn, and Owen. He is also survived by Pat’s daughter, Pam, and her husband, Dave, along with their sons, Kevin, Kyle, and Kody.

T.C. had more friends than a clubhouse on a free beer night, and to say he will be missed is an understatement. His laughter, his stories, and his knack for turning any gathering into an event will live on in the memories of those lucky enough to have known him.

So in honor of T.C. let’s raise a glass, take a mulligan when necessary, and always remember: life—like golf—is best played with friends, laughter, and just a little bit of mischief.

T.C. requested no funeral services, so we will be having a celebration of life for him at Schooners in Morton on Sunday, March 23 at 2 - 5 p.m.

Condolences and memories may be shared through SchmidtHaller.com

Tribute Wall

CK

To TC's family I am sending my heart felt condolences. TC was my neighbor and a good one. He helped me whenever I needed it. But my greatest memory is him sitting at my dining room table playing dice. Low and behold everyone at the table started looking at each other like what or who did that. Well come to find out TC had a fart machine in his pocket and that grin on his face. I already miss you old fart by the way can you bring in the garbage cans. Rest in peace friend. Cristal

Cristal Kendall - March 16, 2025 at 08:50 PM

J(

I'm so sorry for your loss! I served TC many cold beers at the Silver Bullet and he served up humor and giving me a hard time of course in his usual ornery way. He will be missed!

Jeni Bessler (Peters) - March 15, 2025 at 08:34 AM

DA

My condolences to TC's family. The 1st time I met TC was when I was working @ Scheerer's Market in EP. TC rode in on his 650cc scooter with ape hangers. I'll never forget him sitting on that ride with a huge smile yelling at Gary any me. He's been a great friend ever since. Lot of good times playing shuffleboard, Tippe golf, and always a cold one. \nRIP my friend!

Don Abel - March 13, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LS

TC was one of a kind and so fun to be around. He will certainly be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Lisa Scheerer - March 12, 2025 at 11:40 AM

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Sorry for your families loss!

182d Security Forces - March 12, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BM

Greg So sorry for your loss May God Biess you and comfort you at this time\n\nLove,\nBob & Mom

Bob & Mom - March 12, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RB

Sorry for your loss. Many Thursday nights at the Silver Bullet serving him and his bowling team. It was just about 2 weeks ago he stopped in and I hadn't seen him in a long time. We had a nice visit catching up and laughing about bowling and good times had at the Silver Bullet. So glad now we had those few minutes together.

Rolinda Baty - March 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

MM

Terry was one of my first customers/ and favorite! He was the best. Prayers for Pat and family. Love to all ❤️🙏 Molly Markum

Molly Markum - March 11, 2025 at 08:02 PM

TT

I'll never forget the time I hit TC with a tee shot during my last trip to Tippie. I felt horrible but everyone told me he probably deserved it. I hope you repented for your many years of sandbagging during Fondulac Men's league. I will miss your stories and sense of humor. You were truly one of a kind.

Ty Terpening - March 11, 2025 at 07:38 PM

LC

Terry was a former neighbor along Springfield Rd. and a friend while raising hell in East Peoria, Pekin and Peoria. We cruised the beefer and South Side Steak n Shake as long as the gas lasted. Motorcycles, cars and girls. Life was simple and sweet! My best memory is when he bought The Tahitian from me and kept it running for years. Farewell great friend. Larry Carroll

Larry Carroll - March 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JP

To the family of Tc. I'm sorry for your loss.\nTc was one of a kind. From the moment I met him 27 years ago we were friends. we did a lot of golfing over the years and had a lot of good times, Tc always made a bad day on the course a fun one. I miss you buddy RIP

Jeff Peters - March 11, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DW

Started off as TC's mail lady and became good buddies. He was always so much fun and a joy to talk to. My boys even loved TC and we appreciated everything he did for us. When I was injured at work he even took time to visit me to see if I was OK. Definitely life of the party and I know he is letting the good times roll flying high. Until we meet again you will be greatly missed. To TC's family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. As you see, he was loved by many and made lots of wonderful memories.

Debbie Warren - March 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

DK

With loving memories of TC. He will be deeply missed

Dave, Pam, Kevin, Kyle and Kody - March 11, 2025 at 11:11 AM

PA

TC was always the life of the party and so much fun. You never knew what he was going to say or do but you were guaranteed to have a good time with him around. We have many fun stories and happy memories of times spent with him over the years. He treated me and my family with kindness and love. He took great care of my mom to the very end of her days when I know it wasn't always easy for him and I will be forever grateful and thankful for that. We will all miss him so much. \nDave, Pam, Kevin, Kyle & Kody Cain

Pam - March 11, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DW

To the family. So very sorry for your loss. Deepest Sympathy to all.

Doris Walton - March 10, 2025 at 01:25 PM

GC

Even in his final days, my dad had a way of turning the saddest moments into something unforgettable. As I sat beside him, holding his hand in what seemed like a heartfelt father-son moment, I felt the weight of the moment—until I heard a small grunt. Then, a certain unmistakable smell filled the air.\n\nI looked at him and asked, "Are you pooping?"\n\nWithout missing a beat, he simply said, "Yeah."\n\nWe both burst out laughing, and just like that, the heaviness of the moment lifted. That was my dad—never taking life too seriously, even at the very end. I'll carry that with me forever remembering to always find joy or laughter even in the hardest times.

Gregory Clampitt - March 10, 2025 at 12:15 PM

SA

There will only be one TC, the king of main st. We had some good times that I will never forget. He was truly a good friend. He was so proud of you Greg, that's all he talked about was my son. RIP little buddy!

Steve Arendell - March 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM