



Terri Tomlin

October 14, 1954 - September 7, 2024

Terri Gohn Tomlin, 69 of Jackson, Missouri passed away at her home, surrounded by her family and friends, on Saturday, September 7, 2024

She was born October 14, 1954, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Joe and Helen Gohn.

Terri and Mike Tomlin were married Sept. 16, 1978, in Jackson, Missouri.

Terri graduated from Jackson High School in 1973 and attended Southeast Missouri State University, graduating in 1977 with a B.S. in Business Administration. After working alongside husband Mike at his personal insurance office, she was employed with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as a customer service representative and business analyst from 1997-2007 before retiring.

As a lifelong Jackson resident, Terri was an enormous supporter of the Jackson R-2 school district. From 2002-2017, she served on the Jackson R-2 School Board with the latter half of those years as Board President. She served on the board of directors for the Jackson R-2 School Foundation as well as the Missouri School Board Association. She was a devoted supporter of Jackson athletics, especially football, for which she attended or listened to hundreds of games over her lifetime.

In 2015, Terri was the recipient of the R.A. Fulenwider Meritorious Community Service Award. Bestowed by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the award is given to an individual who has dedicated their life to the advancement of Jackson, Missouri, something Terri took tremendous pride in.

She was a lifelong member of New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson where she served on the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Education Committee, and Board of Trustees. She also served on the Old McKendree Chapel Board of Trustees since 1987.

Terri had a long fascination with genealogy and ancestral studies. She was former president of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogy Society, a volunteer at the Cape Girardeau County History Center and a member of the City of Jackson Historic Preservation Commission. She was also the recipient of the Jackson Heritage Award in 2007.

She was a 25-year member and chapter president of the American Business Women's Association, a John Guild Chapter DAR regent, a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of America and P.E.O. Chapter LA past president. She was a longtime member of the Miss Jackson Scholarship Board and assisted with the annual Miss Jackson Pageant and attended several Miss Missouri Pageants.

Like her father Joe, Terri was a diehard fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and watched or listened to nearly every game each season. She enjoyed watching most any football game and was a longtime fan of competitive figure skating ("triple Salchow!").

Along with her husband Mike, Terri had great travel adventures abroad to Italy, France, Germany, Peru, Hawaii, and Spain, as well as yearly trips to Florida to

watch Cardinals spring training games. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her friend group, "The Hens", as well as her many other friend circles. She was an avid reader and cooking show fan. She loved hearing updates about her wonderful grandkids as well as her "grand dog" Ringo.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Gohn and sister Karen (Stu) Garrison of Jackson; children Josh (Susan) Tomlin of Cape Girardeau, Suzanne (Mark) Beall of Morrison, Colorado, Michelle (Steven) Ross, of Brentwood, Missouri; grandchildren, Regan, Camryn, and Kendall Beall of Morrison, Colorado, Alec Turner and Anna Ross of Brentwood, Missouri; nephews Zachary (Liz) Garrison of St. Louis, Missouri and Hunter Garrison of Jackson; nieces, Emily Gohn of Port Townsend, Washington and Greta Gohn (Chris) of Portland, Oregon; and sisters-in-law, Joey Tomlin of Jefferson City, Missouri and Candice Gohn of Chimacum, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike; father, Joseph Gohn and brother, Michael; and brother-in-law John.

The family is eternally grateful for the in-home caregivers and nurses who treated us as family, Saint Francis Hospice for their care and compassion, and the numerous friends that pitched in with meals, chores and companionship over the years.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 12, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at New McKendree on High Street with service to follow at 1:00 p.m.

Burial will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson.

Memorial donations may be given to Jackson R-2 School Foundation, New McKendree United Methodist Church and the ALS Association, St. Louis

chapter, designated for the angel fund or respite care.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Russell Heights

Jackson, MO 63755

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

New McKendree UMC
225 S. High St.
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

DG

“ We were sorry to hear of Terri's passing. I didn't realize Terri and her family had been so challenged. What a great loss for you all and this community.
Please know she was loved by so many.

Dixie Grantham - September 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM

TC

“ So very sorry for your loss, sending love and prayer.



Tonya Crites - September 12, 2024 at 09:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Terri Tomlin.



September 11, 2024 at 03:29 PM

MF

“ Mary & Greg Gibson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terri Tomlin.

Mary & Greg Gibson & Family - September 11, 2024 at 03:29 PM

LP

“ Lizette and Theodore Povinelli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terri Tomlin.



Lizette and Theodore Povinelli - September 11, 2024 at 02:49 PM

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Lizette and Theodore Povinelli - September 11, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terri Tomlin.



September 11, 2024 at 09:58 AM

KC

“ Karri, Suzie, Leah and Colton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terri Tomlin.

Karri, Suzie, Leah and Colton - September 11, 2024 at 09:58 AM

DV

“ Daryl V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terri Tomlin.

Daryl V. - September 10, 2024 at 07:40 PM

GB

“ Josh & all of Terri's family - we are so sorry to hear of Terri's passing. God's blessings to all of you. She was a wonderful & kind lady. Glen & Alice Birk

Glen & Alice Birk - September 10, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Terri Tomlin.



September 10, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terri Tomlin.



September 10, 2024 at 09:57 AM

CH

“ 2 files added to the album Terri



Cherry Harris - September 10, 2024 at 09:32 AM

ME

“ There are no words to express how much Terri meant to me and my mom. I could never thank her enough. All my love is being sent to the family. Terri will always hold a very special place in my heart. I won't be able to be there to say goodbye, but please know how much I wanted to be.

Mandy Eakins - September 09, 2024 at 10:56 PM

LM

So very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many.

Lori maevers - September 10, 2024 at 08:12 AM

GK

Terri was a very loving and special person! One time she crossed from one side of the church to another to give me a hug! I had just lost a daughter!! Terri's work on the school board was appreciated by the community! My sympathy and prayers go to her Mother her son and her sister!

Gale King

Gale King - September 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

CS

“ Even though I haven't seen the family in years I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember Terri as a princess for the band of the Jackson Indians. I am truly heartbroken that's she's gone. God be with the family as they go through this. She was our cousin Love Cheryl Littleton Smith

Cheryl Littleton Smith - September 09, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Terri Tomlin.



September 09, 2024 at 09:01 PM

DL

“ Terri sat on the Board of Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She was always a supporter of the college, students, and the healthcare system. She valued education and loved the community. She and her family are a big part of making Cape and Southeast Missouri who we are. Thank you Terri!

Dr Steven D Langdon - September 09, 2024 at 05:21 PM