



Terry Joseph Slattery

April 11, 1954 - April 8, 2020

The Beloved Terry Joseph Slattery, 65, of Cape Girardeau, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at his home with his wife by his side.

He was born April 11, 1954 in Perryville, Missouri and was the son of Doris Ann Slattery (Abernathy). He was adopted by his father, Donald Francis Slattery who currently resides in Texas.

He attended Cape Central High School where he lettered in Football and Track and went on to compete for the Southeast Indians as a wide receiver from 1972-1976. He was the leading receiver in 1975 with 28 catches and 471 yards. He graduated from SEMO with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976.

On July 10, 1982, Terry and Annette Grupas were married at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. He was the love of her life. They were married for 37 years and raised a loving family here.

He started working for Howards Athletic Goods Company in 1984 and purchased the store in 2013. He supplied Cape youths with all their sporting equipment needs and made many friends before retiring in July 2019. He was a member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church, a former member of the Cape Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and was awarded the Youth Sports

Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

Terry loved his family, especially his sons Patrick (Stephanie) and Blake (Mandi Wood) who brought him great joy while coaching and watching their sports. He loved playing Play-Doh and coloring with his granddaughter Adi and holding his grandson Brady. Their annual family vacations to Breckenridge, CO that included eating, hiking, and biking in the mountains, made him smile and sometimes grumble. Some of his other hobbies included grilling for Sunday family dinners, playing golf with his sons, and watching or listening to SEMO and Cardinal baseball.

He was a quiet and mischievous jokester who always got a laugh with his subtle humor. He was kind and good-hearted and always ready to lend a helping hand with home improvement projects to family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, two grandchildren, father, siblings Larry (Mary Ann), Tim (Dana), John (Morgan), Sharon Meyer (Rick) and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Doris and brother Jerry.

A private family visitation will take place Tuesday, April 14, followed by a graveside committal service at St. Mary's Cemetery by Father Brian Straus. Because of Covid-19 concerns and state mandates, a Mass of Resurrection and reception for the public will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Brain Tumor Association (abta.org) or Southeast Hospice (sehealth.org).

Online condolences may be made at fordandsonsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Terry was and remains an inspiration to me and my family, My condolences. Thank you. Mike Kolda

Mike Kolda - April 25, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.



April 25, 2020 at 01:26 PM

KE

“ Annette and family, did Terry ever meet anyone that he didn't greet with a sincere, warm smile? We share in your grief at his courageous battle with a frightening illness, and the too-early passing of a good man and beautiful soul. Terry and your family are part of the wonderful memories we have of our children's teen sports years and especially Legion baseball. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.
Robert & Karla Essner

Karla Essner - April 14, 2020 at 12:10 PM

JS

“ You may not remember me; but I was in your PE class in Cape Central years ago. I wanted to tell you I am sorry on the passing of your husband, Terry. My thoughts and prayers are for you and the family. He was a special man. Jimmy Stone

James B. Stone - April 13, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.*



April 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *My condolences to Annette and Family. I am sorry to hear of Terry's passing. I always considered Terry to be one of the nicest guys I've met. Sad to see him go.*

Robert Hale - April 12, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Terry was such a wonderful man, always helpful, always kind, always positive, a friend. Thank you for decades of memories from the whole family - Rick, Donna, Erica, Jessica, Megan*

Donna McDonald - April 12, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *Annette & Family, So sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Sending sympathy and prayers your way for God's healing touch during this saddened time.*

Marilyn Schott - April 11, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.*



April 11, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Annette, I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing! I did not know him, but I know you loved him so much!! Prayers for you and your family at this tough time. Much love to you!!*

Ann Cunningham - April 11, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Annette...
So sorry to hear of Terry's passing. I remember him well in the group SEMO.
Always enjoyed getting to know all of you all those years ago. (You may remember me from the group you and Terry were a part of, including Dave, I was a friend of Ed's).
Sending you and your family prayers of peace and comfort.
Always,
Denise (Stutts) Moline*

Denise Moline - April 11, 2020 at 09:48 AM

CR

“ Annette and family,
So very sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Terry, you and the boys were the best neighbors for so many years. I remember when he and Joel finished our basement and so many nights they worked after working all day. He never seemed to mind, he was a great person and will be missed. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. With love, Joel and Cathy

Cathy Rollins - April 11, 2020 at 12:38 AM

KB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Annette and family. We'll remember Terry for his wonderful smile and welcoming nature.

Kathie and Calvin Brennan.

Kathie Brennan - April 10, 2020 at 11:11 PM

CF

“ Terry Slattery was what my wife & I call "Real People!" He was consistently understanding & caring, loved his family, & had a cool demeanor that NEVER changed regardless of circumstances. Miss ya, buddy!

Coach Lawrence Brookins & Family - April 10, 2020 at 04:39 PM

RH

“ Am saddened to hear of Terry's passing. Slatt was first-class as a person and teammate in the most humble way!

Randy Hoerman

Randy Hoerman - April 10, 2020 at 03:37 PM

KF

“ *Annette and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. We all went to SEMO together. My husband and brother played football with Terry. He was a great guy! We enjoyed catching up with him through the years at SEMO football reunions. He will be terribly missed by all. Praying that you and your family have peace and comfort through wonderful memories. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during these most difficult times.*

*Everett and Karen (Olson) Falder
Mike Olson*

Karen Falder - April 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DO

“ *Dear Coach Slattery, I'm so sorry for this terrible loss. I remember when you were dating Terry and of course your wedding day. What a beautiful couple you made. And what a wonderful husband and father and giving member of the Cape community. Thinking of you and your family during this sad time. With love, Dorothea Israel Wolfson*

dorotheawolfson - April 10, 2020 at 11:18 AM

DP

I also echo Dorothea's sentiments. I remember when you two first started playing mixed doubles together! The two of you created a beautiful family. Our family is thinking of you.

Decima Panitch - April 10, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DS

Dear Mrs. Slattery, I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. Along with my sisters and me, our mom sends heartfelt condolences as well. We're thinking of you and your family.

Debbie Silver - April 10, 2020 at 12:01 PM

KJ

“ Thinking back over all the years I have been involved in local sports as a player, umpire, coach, parent, and fan, I can't ever remember not seeing Terry when the next season rolled around for whatever sport that was upcoming. Most recently, I made several trips into the store as he was closing it down for good. Admittedly, I went in a few times just to chat for a few minutes. Since my kids have all attended Jackson, he even sold me a Jackson baseball hat; however, he also offered, as only he could do, a Cape Central hat to wear over the top of it.

He was ALWAYS so helpful, ALWAYS had a great sense of humor and the ever-present smile, and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, was ALWAYS a great source of honesty, integrity, and guidance. He will be missed by many. Coach Slattery and the rest of the family, thank you for sharing him with all of us in the area for so many years. May God provide all of your family with peace, comfort, and understanding at this time.

*Ken Pemberton, Jr.
CHS Class of 1992*

Ken Pemberton, Jr. - April 10, 2020 at 10:13 AM

DC

“ Annette I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort for you and your family.

Donna Cook - April 10, 2020 at 10:07 AM

PR

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Terry's passing. He was such a good and kind person. We have fond memories of the many baseball games Micah played on his team. Please know that we are praying for your family .

Polly Reutzel - April 10, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.



April 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Terry was truly one of the good ones and a real team player at SEMO ! My condolences to the family ! RIP my SEMO Indian brother! David Means

David Means - April 10, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Annette, I am so very saddened to hear of Terry's passing. I'm heartbroken at the thought of you and your son's loss. He was such a good man.
Please know that despite this whole Covid-19 issue, and my inability to stand beside you now in support, my spirit is with you at this time.
God bless you and your family.

Steve Richardet - April 10, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Terry was in my Cape Central Class of '72. I remember him as handsome and had a quiet kindness. Condolences to all the family. Cindy Oglander Moskovitz.

Cindy Moskovitz - April 10, 2020 at 08:33 AM

SU

“ Terry was a great guy. We have many fond memories of him. He was always so kind and supportive to our boys, helping them out with many of their activities. He will be greatly missed in this community.

Steve and Debbie Unterreiner

Steve Unterreiner - April 10, 2020 at 08:29 AM

DB

“ Annette, I am so sorry to hear about Terry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Diane Bryan - April 10, 2020 at 08:28 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Terry was always so kind and helpful with whatever a coach or child might need. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

brad wittenborn - April 10, 2020 at 08:07 AM

LZ

“ Dear Annette, I am so sorry to read about your loss. Prayers for you and your family. Sincerely, LouAnn Zoffuto

LouAnn Zoffuto - April 10, 2020 at 02:15 AM

RW

“ Slat was truly "one of the good ones"!
Judy and Rick Wieser

Rick Wieser - April 09, 2020 at 11:04 PM

CD

“ Chuck and Becky Decker purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.



Chuck and Becky Decker - April 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM

SF

“ I was a student of Annette Slattery 1995-97. So very sorry for your loss! ❤️

Susan

Susan Francis - April 09, 2020 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ Annette and family,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Terry. We hope our continued prayers and thoughts bring you comfort and peace.
Marcia and Mark Bliss

Marcia Bliss - April 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM

SU

“ Annette and family,
I am so sorry to hear the passing of Terry. My heart breaks for you and the family. Continued prayers and let the memories bring you comfort now and forever.
Susan Hekmat

Susan - April 09, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RW

“ Annette and family, I am so sorry to hear about Terry. He was such a kind and gentle man. Lots of memories at Howard's of buying all the my baseball supplies for when I was still playing for Capahas and coaching youth baseball and all my Umpiring supplies for many years later. Great memories. Prayers for all the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Roger Williams - April 09, 2020 at 06:43 PM

RM

Annette and family, sending sincere sympathy and loving prayers. Terry was a great man to our son Michael Minner and friend to my husband. He will be missed and was loved by many. So very sorry for your great loss. Love. Robin and Robin Minner

Robin Minner - April 10, 2020 at 09:07 AM

RH

“ Annette and family, We are so very sorry for this lost. We really would like to be there for the kids and you. All of you are in our prayers. Terry was a great man and we enjoyed seeing you both when we always made the trip to Cape. This is really going to be a long journey and we will always be there for all of you if you need us. Again just remember that we love all of you and our love and prayers go out to all.

Ricky and Rhonda

Ricky Horne - April 09, 2020 at 06:31 PM

TP

“ Annette and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I'll never forget when I first met you and Terry when we all started karate classes together. I have such fond memories of those days, even though I can't raise my foot above my waist today :). My memory of Terry is as a true gentleman and a gentle man. While of course you are crushed by his absence from your daily life, I hope you will find comfort in knowing that God has welcomed Terry into the light of His face.

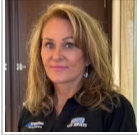
Tedd & Laura Powers

Tedd Powers - April 09, 2020 at 05:56 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Terry. I'll always remember seeing him at Fitness Plus, working out. He always smiled at me whether it be there or at his store, when I would need guidance on what softball equipment to get for myself. He was a sweet man!

Miranda Schlosser - April 09, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ To my family, the Slattery's. May time bring all your tears and turn them into smiles each and every time you think of Terry. And there will be many opportunities to cherish the memories because as a family you made sure you made these memories to savor throughout your lives. Be grateful he was able to old his new grandson and spend so much time with Adi, who loved him so much.

Patrick and Blake, to you both, you must know that your dad was infinitely proud of you. Just mention either of your names and his face would light up with a twinkle in his eyes. You both were his treasures. And Terry could not find better "daughters" in Stephanie and Mandi.

And to you, my Aunt Annette. I can remember one family get together and the phone rang--nothing special--just the phone rang--yet the ring tone was a love song. And you, casually said, "Oh that is Terry, and his special ring tone for me." Well that showed it all and melted my heart. And it might have been "when a man loves a woman" but I may be wrong. All I know is right then and there, I said, Wow, what a love story. And that love story will continue into eternity

All my love, your niece, Angela Grupas.

Angela Grupas - April 09, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Joseph Slattery.



April 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RS

“ Through the years I always looked forward to working with Terry when I was in Howard’s to order plaques for Southeast Hospital. He was always so nice to talk to and so helpful and accommodating. I’m so sorry for your loss.

Renee Shandy - April 09, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MK

“ As a college student, I worked with Terry at Howard's Sporting Goods. We had a such fun and hardworking team; I enjoyed working there tremendously. He was a great role model, gentle soul, and a solid individual. He was a rock and a source of constancy that was truly invaluable during that time in my life. A remarkable guy and a wonderful family. My deepest sympathies go out to you. ---
Marge Green Kirkpatrick

Marge Kirkpatrick - April 09, 2020 at 03:21 PM

RO

“ Such fond memories of Terry. I can’t even count the times we were there at Howard’s to buy our soccer stuff. I remember bringing in Heath’s letter jacket to have patches seen on, and Terry jokes, “Boy, I’m gonna well you a second jacket, because I don’t think I can get all this on one!” But he did. So kind, so positive. I don’t think I ever heard Terry say a cross word. I’m so sorry for your loss. He was an extremely special person.

Ruth Ann Orr - April 09, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SB

“ I was saddened to hear of Terry’s death. I remember him best from Howard’s. I often had my boys in there for shoes and athletic equipment. He was always happy, and considerate of my circumstances when the boys were drooling over all the “stuff” they thought they needed. Annette, my prayers go out to you and your family.

Sally Beaudan - April 09, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DW

“ Annette,
I am sorry to hear this, I haven't seen either of you in decades, but know you had a great life together. I hope God can grant peace to your family during this difficult time. I am praying for you.
Diane Regelsperger Wolferding

Diane Wolferding - April 09, 2020 at 12:52 PM

HB

“ I didn't know Terry, but was acquainted with John & I will say knowing John was a tremendous pleasure & I'm sure from reading this missive of Terry he, too, was a kind & loving person. My condolences to John and all the family; our hearts & prayers are with you during this time of family transition. There will be an empty plate at the family gatherings, no doubt, but with it sitting there Terry will never be forgotten.

*Most Sincerely, Harryette Miller Burnette
Cape LaCroix Apts. & Bloomin Balloons & Flowers*

Harryette Burnette - April 09, 2020 at 12:46 PM

BS

“ *Very sorry for your loss Annette. Slatt was a great teammate, friend and a great man. Anyone who ever knew the Slatt was enriched by having him as a friend or teammate. Will never forget that always present grin of his. Bob Stolzer*

Bob Stolzer - April 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss Coach Slattery, I will never forget the day that you told me that you finally met your "Prince Charming".
Mariann Busch Wilson*

Mariann Wilson - April 09, 2020 at 12:29 PM

BN

“ *Sorry for the loss. Terry was one of the great people that shaped who I am today. I'll never forget what he meant to me and my family. Prayers to all his family!*

Brink Naile - April 09, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ *Annette, Patrick and Blake, We are so sorry for your loss. He was so kind to our boys.
Our prayers are with you,
Joe and Wanda Moore,
along with Justin and Cody*

Joe and Wanda Moore - April 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JM

So sorry to hear. Terry was a great friend and boss I loved every day I was with him

jack mcdonald - April 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM

WM

I graduated with Terry and he was always a tender hearted man with a smile on his face. God bless Terry

Wissmann Mark - April 10, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Terry was the best. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to Annette and their family.* ”

Lonnie Wilke - April 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM