



Terry Allen Rosen

July 4, 1949 - February 19, 2026

Terry Allen Rosen, age 76, passed away February 19, 2026, following complications from a heart attack and cancer diagnosis. Terry was also enduring a slow and lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. He passed away peacefully at home (as he wished) supported by his loving family and friends. Through it all, Terry carried himself with a quiet strength and resilience that reflected the character of the man so many knew and loved.

Terry was born on July 4, 1949, in NE Minneapolis, MN, a fitting birthday for a man who carried his own spark, adventure and independence throughout his life. He graduated from JFK Senior High School in 1967 and later attended Dunwoody College to master his skills as a Machinist. Terry met the love of his life, Melanie Lynn Jacobsen, while living in Bloomington, MN, and they married on September 30, 1969, beginning a partnership filled with love, laughter and family. He was a hopeless romantic and the two were inseparable.

Terry was an Army Veteran having been drafted to serve his country during the Vietnam War. He completed boot camp at Ft Lewis in Tacoma, WA, and was soon stationed at Ft Wainwright, Fairbanks, AK, from 1969 to 1971. Terry and Melanie lived on base as he was assigned to operate and defend various nuclear missile sites near Fairbanks.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Terry held a professional Machinist position for FMC Corporation in Fridley, MN, where he continued to serve his country in the private sector by manufacturing artillery that was mounted on US warships. His math skills were considered exceptional. He later served (and retired) as a highly regarded and beloved custodian for the Eden Prairie School District. Terry brought warmth, humor and kindness everywhere he went, leaving a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know him.

Terry and Melanie enjoyed 56 years of devoted marriage. They originally settled down in Chanhassen, MN, in a small "cabin" on Lotus Lake, which was inherited from Melanie's mother. With hard work and determination, they remodeled the cabin into a sizeable 6-bedroom home and ultimately raised 6 children, building a lifetime of memories. Their journey later included a move to Eden Prairie, MN, where they still call home.

Terry loved to hunt, fish, camp, golf and spend time with his family and friends. He was a lifelong jokester with a contagious giggle. Terry was truly one of a kind. He was quick-witted and endlessly funny, with a smile that could light up a room. He made everyone feel welcome and became a second father to many. He also enjoyed watching sports, horse racing and challenging his luck at a casino or two. And, oh...did he love his flannel shirts.

Terry shared a special bond with a cat he rescued and named, Bandit. She became his loyal companion, sitting on his lap, nibbling his pockets and curling between his legs to sleep, bringing comfort to them both.

Terry is preceded in death by his father (Raymond), his mother (Grace), his younger brother (Rick) and a daughter-in-law (Renee). He is survived by his loving wife (Melanie) and 6 children; Richard (Heather) Rosen, Mark Rosen, Kevin Rosen, Brian Rosen, Teresa (Caesar) Wilson and Christine Rosen.

Terry has 14 grandchildren; Danica Swenson, Jimmy Rosen, Brianna Rosen, Tony Rosen, Maddison Grecco-Rosen, Sincere Wilson, Seraph Wilson, Aurelia Wilson, Allura Wilson, Acaelis Wilson, Sage Wilson, Sayiah Wilson, Amyna Wilson, Seun Wilson, and 5 great grandchildren; River Swenson, Lincoln Swenson, Otis Swenson, Charlee Rosen-Stirewalt, Ollie Rosen-Stirewalt, and many other relatives and friends.

Above all, Terry loved his family. He is beloved as a wonderful husband, proud father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. His life was defined by his humor, generosity and the way he made people feel. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Graveside Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christine Rosen - May 13 at 11:47 AM

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*My Father, My Hero, My Angel ♡
I love you always. I miss you always.*

*Love,
Your Daughter*

Christine Rosen - May 13 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Christine Rosen sent a virtual gift in memory of
Terry Allen Rosen*



Christine Rosen - April 29 at 05:57 PM

“ Dad,

It breaks my heart to share that your sweet Bandit passed away in Mom's arms this morning, only 42 days after losing you. 💔

Bandit came into our lives in the most unexpected way. On November 11, 2017, you asked me to come outside and see if I heard faint meowing coming from beneath the deck. You were right. Together, we found a tiny kitten pressed close against the house for warmth — only a few weeks old and all alone. We brought her inside, got her warm, gave her a bath, fed her, and cuddled her right up.

Even though you were hesitant at first about keeping her, Bandit quickly stole your heart when that tiny little girl took a nap on your shoulder. From that day on, she became your faithful shadow, following you everywhere you went. She loved curling up on your lap, gently nibbling on your pocket, and sleeping tucked beside you every night. The bond you two shared was quiet, loyal, and full of unconditional love.

She remained by your side right up until the day you left us, and after that, she was never quite the same. It truly felt like she carried the loss of you deeply in her little heart. Over these past six weeks, she stayed especially close to Mom, offering comfort, aggressive cuddles, and companionship during such an incredibly painful time.

Today, it feels like we lost another piece of you, but we also find comfort in believing that Bandit has now found her way back to you — once again curled safely in your lap, following you faithfully, exactly where she always loved to be.

Thank you for hearing those tiny cries beneath the deck that day and for giving her a life filled with love, safety, and devotion. She was more than a cat. She was family, and she loved you with everything she had.

I know she is with you again now.

We miss you both dearly & Love you always. 💙



Christine Rosen - April 03 at 12:02 AM

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“ *We love & miss you, Dad. Lighting a candle for you* ☐



Christine Rosen - March 22 at 12:55 PM

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“ - *Your Friends at Northern Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terry Allen Rosen.*



- Your Friends at Northern Services - February 25 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Terry Allen Rosen.*



February 24 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry Allen Rosen.

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“ *Brian, Mark and the whole Rosen family, May you all remember the good times and cherish them in your hearts forever. Ken and Brenda Anderson*

ken anderson - February 20 at 09:11 PM