



## Terry Scott Trickett

July 12, 1948 - April 9, 2025

We are heartbroken to share that on Wednesday April 9th, Terry Scott Trickett, 76, of Victoria, MN passed away. He lived a life of unconditional love, integrity and left a lasting impression on anyone who had the honor to know him.

Terry was born July 12th, 1948 in Osaka, Japan and, due to his father's role in the Army, lived in 10 different places before his 10th birthday - Fort Benning, Fort Bragg, Fort Dix, Fort Riley, Youngstown, Ohio and more notably, Bad Nauheim, Giessen, and Schweinfurt, Germany - before settling in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1958 where he attended Dicken Elementary, Slauson Junior High and Ann Arbor High School where he graduated in 1966.

Terry attended Michigan State University where he was Captain of the MSU Lightweight Varsity Crew (Rowing Club). After his freshman year, he transferred to Eastern Michigan University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Physical & Political Science in 1973. During his time at both schools, he was a member of the ROTC and attended Basic Training in 1970. He was named one of the top three leaders out of 400 cadets. He was advised he would be placed into the 1A candidate pool for the draft however was not asked to report to basic training due to a 1H status.

In October 1974, Terry moved to Minnesota, where he worked for Hershey Foods before starting his 40+ year career in the automotive industry. He was

hired by Morris Imports in Minnetonka in 1975 and was promoted to Used Car Manager in early 1976 and General Sales Manager in 1977. In the Spring of 1979, while coaching a women's softball team, he met Ginger Merrill. He said it was love at first sight and on their first date, he told her that "marrying me would be the best thing you could ever do" and that he would wait for her. On March 8th, 1980, Terry and Ginger were married. Shortly after their wedding, Terry started working for Carousel Automobiles in their Used Car Department and was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager in 1982. In 1986, Terry was named General Sales Manager and joined the Audi Central Region Dealer 20 Group. In 1987, Terry was asked to become the General Manager for the new Walser BMW dealership where he worked until returning to Carousel in 1988 as the General Manager. During his 10 year career as General Manager, Carousel became one of the top 3 Audi dealers in North America and he joined the Audi Dealer Advisory Council. He was selected for the role of Vice Chairman from 1992-1994 and became Chairman (President) in 1996. He held that position until his departure from the board in 1998.

After leaving the Carousel Group in 1998, he was asked to start the Central Region for Audi of America due to his role in the strategy developed to keep Audi in the USA. Terry managed 6 Central Region field teams for the next 5 years - working with 69 Audi dealerships in 11 Midwest states, leaving an indelible mark on the business. After leaving Audi, he played an important role as a consultant for Audi, Volkswagen & JD Power before joining the McGrath Group in Chicago as the Executive General Manager of their Audi store in Glenview, Illinois in 2010. Ginger & Terry made the decision to relocate to Libertyville, Illinois in 2011 where they remained until his retirement in 2019. They returned home to Minnesota and remained in Victoria until his passing.

Over their 45 years of marriage, Terry and Ginger built a life that Terry had only ever dreamed of. They had 3 wonderful daughters who continue his legacy of love in their own families and while his career achievements were

many, they were easily outnumbered by the memories he made with friends and family. Always fair, honest, and there to listen when needed.

He was, to put it simply, TT.

Terry is survived by his wife, Ginger (Virginia); daughters, Whitney (Nick), Taylor (Michael), and Colie (Tyler); seven grandchildren; and two sisters; Jo Ann (Lew) and Patty.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at The Snyder Auditorium at The Arboretum, 3674 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318. Visitation begins at 3pm with Service at 4pm, please wear blue in honor of his favorite color.

# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Terry Scott Trickett.



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“ I was the used car manager at Morries Imports where I spotted a Chocolate Brown Ford LTD in the lot and a guy poking his head around a few used cars. I approached him and asked if I could show him anything. He was “just looking” but asked what the car business was like. He was selling Hershey chocolate to grocery stores. I told him how great it was to sell imported automobiles the 3D’s, the draw the demo and the day off. I think I sold him because he asked if we were hiring. I said “ what do you know about foreign cars?” He said “I had an MGB in Michigan”. I said your hired. And so started his distinguished career in the Import Automobile business. I’m forever grateful to have know my friend and associate, RIP Terry.  
Randy Lofgren



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*For a long time, I was not part of the Ann Arbor High School Class of 1966, because notices were sent to the house on Packard, where we had grown up. Terry somehow located me in Oakland County, and made sure that I received notices from then on. At one of the gatherings, I thanked him, and he sort of ducked the apprehension. It was lively to read about his life here, even though he is gone. Virginia and daughters may he live forever in your hearts.*

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**Kathleen Strauch** - December 30, 2025 at 11:11 AM