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Terry Lee Katt, age 82, of Spring Lake passed away Friday, November 19, 2021, at Sanctuary of The Oaks. He was born May 5, 1939, in Grand Rapids, MI to Otto George and Lillian Gertrude (Norman) Katt. He married Linda who he met at Grand Haven State Park by the Oval Inn on June 15, 1963, in Muncie, Indiana.

Terry grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from South High School, Grand Rapids Junior College, Western Michigan University, and Michigan State University where he attained his Master's Degree. He taught for several area schools, retiring from Wyoming Public Schools. Terry also served as director at Utica New York Children's Hospital and the Grand Rapids Hearing & Speech Center. As a young boy he skied with a water ski troop on Spring Lake. Terry took up snow skiing and loved trips to Colorado and Lake Tahoe and loved boating on Lloyds Bayou with his kids and grandkids and spending time in Sarasota, Florida. He also served as a high school swim coach.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Linda Katt; four daughters: Kelly Mathews, Lisa (Steven) Miller, Jennifer "Jenny" (Tim) Warren and Sarah (Peter) Sikorsky; eight grandchildren: Andrew Mathews, Brian Mathews, Zachary Miller, Bridget Miller, Benjamin Miller, Joshua Warren, Joseph Warren and Lillian Sikorsky; his sister, Kathy Katt; two brothers, Claude (Esta) Katt and Randy (Karen) Katt; sister-in-law, Julie (Gary) Shroyer; brother-in-law, Michael "Mike" (Barbara Brown) Rolf; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends, Dick (Marilyn) Brown; and special friend, David MacKellar. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service will be held. Memorials in Terry's name may be given to [Emmanuel Hospice](#). Arrangements entrusted to The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St, Spring Lake, MI 49456. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.



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DB

Dr. Dick Brown posted:

I am an only child. The reason I mention this is when I met Terry and as our relationship grew I knew I had a brother and he was Terry. Terry and I first met in 1979 when I started work with Student Services in the Wyoming School District. We hit it off right a way. Terry was a Speech Pathologist and I was a social Worker. He and I loved a good laugh. We shared many good laughs together through the years. He was a aware Marilyn and I were interested in finding a house by the water. So one day he said to me why don't you and Marilyn come over to our house and visit, We accepted. He pointed out a house across the Bayou that was for sale. We looked at it and decided it was too much work for us. It wasn't too long after that he pointed our a house that had just come up for sale. We bought it. From this point on our two familys deepened our relationships. He and Linda helped with our transition by joining a New Comer group. We celebrated birthdays attended football, basketball and swim meets together. Terry and I had a tradition of looking for the most obnoxious birthday cards for each other. He would say to me" I was out shopping the other day and boy I found a dandy card for you" . He was so excited to give me this card he could hardly wait for my reaction. This always was fun. Linda, Marilyn, Terry and I would celebrate the guys birthdays as May was our birthday month. Terry was a very kind and thoughtful person who loved children, his family and life. I shall ever remember him. Dr. Dick and Marilyn Brown

November 24 at 11:16 AM

DM

David Lee Mackellar posted:

What a wonderful friend and neighbor. When my wife Charlene and I moved to Spring Lake 14 years ago we were welcomed with open arms from Linda and Terry. Over the years we would sit be the water and talk. And Terry would tell stories and some jokes. What a wonderful story teller he was. We would enjoy our time with his family get togethers as well as my family gatherings. My dad always looked forward to seeing Terry and hearing his new jokes every time they came back from Florida. (I just don't know how he remembered all the Jokes}. Then 7 years ago I lost Charlene. Linda and Terry were there to help me through the hard times. This is what 'Good Neighbors do'. I want to share something I had read a while back, it hits it right on the head about 'Good Neighbors'. "Good Neighbors are like STARS. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there". RIP my friend. I know you are in 'Heaven' telling stories to my dad. God Bless the Katt Family. Your Neighbor and always your friend David L. MacKellar

November 23 at 5:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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