



Terry Bryan Ooten

June 4, 1964 - February 8, 2014

Terry Bryan Ooten, 49, of Tallahassee, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2014.

A celebration of his life will be held in a memorial service at Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee on Thursday, February 13th at 2:00 pm. A burial service will be held immediately following at MeadowWood Memorial Park, Timberlane Road. Bevis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

A native of Chattanooga, TN, Terry lived in Tallahassee since 1969. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1986. He studied at Florida State University and The University of Florida, graduating with an engineering degree. Among other businesses owned, he was the president of Trademark Development and Construction. He was a member of the Capital Tiger Bay Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Terry loved his children with all of his heart, and supported his family and all of their activities. He went above and beyond in caring for his children. He was an avid supporter of his daughter Olivia, and her passions throughout her life including Maclay girls' soccer, running, and traveling. He was very involved as she grew up. Terry was Mr. Science in Kindergarten and would come in and do experiments in Olivia's class. Terry was also the leader of the Indian Princesses, and contributed a lot to Brownies.

Terry also supported his son, TJ Ooten, in every way possible. Terry faithfully followed TJ's baseball teams, football teams, basketball teams, tennis teams, track team, and Cub Scouts throughout TJ's childhood. Terry would always be more than willing to host parties for his children, and he would often be the life of the party, cooking food for anybody who wanted it.

Other than his family, his great joys in life were traveling, cooking, and flying. Terry taught cooking classes at Publix in his spare time, and he loved inventing new recipes and entertaining people. He was always making plans for the next place that his family wanted to visit. He believed in exposing his children to the world, and letting them experience different people and cultures as they grew up. Terry was a kind hearted, optimistic person who always had a positive outlook on life and a warm smile for everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Melissa Ooten, a son Terry Bryan Ooten, Jr. (TJ), 21, a daughter Olivia Madison Ooten, 18, his father Homer Ooten (Yvonne), his sister Cynthia (Cindy) Ooten Milne (Ian Milne), his foster brother Francisco Espailat (Margie)his nephew Alexander Milne, mother-in-law Linda Mings (Lonnie Mings), father-in-law David Wood, sister-in-law Susan Wood, and a host of other family members and friends. He was preceded by his mother Pamela Ooten.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fellowship of Christian Athletes or FL. Baptist Children's Home.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Jacki Glen Watson lit a candle in memory of Terry Bryan Ooten*



Jacki Glen Watson - February 20, 2014 at 02:03 PM

MG

“ *I am sorry to read of the passing of your loved one; please accept my deepest sympathy. While you are grieving, I hope you will find comfort in Jesus' promise of the earthly resurrection, for those who have fallen asleep in death (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the loss of a loved one.- Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that GOD cares (I Peter 5:7) and will give you the strength to endure during this grievous time.- Matthew 5:4*

Mrs. Gant - February 14, 2014 at 06:23 AM

JS

“ *Terry is and will always be one of my best friends. We made each other laugh, we got each other in trouble and we enjoyed our moments boating, hunting, flying and simply hanging out. A wonderful father and a excellent mentor to my own son. May God bless Melissa, TJ and Olivia....Jeff Shivers*

Jeff Shivers - February 13, 2014 at 03:09 PM

DG

“ We send our sympathy and prayers!
David Patik, Performance Car Graphics, Tallahassee, FL...

David Patik, Performance Car Graphics - February 13, 2014 at 11:26 AM

CH

“ Cassandra H. purchased the *In Memory of Some one Special - Elements Angel* for the family of Terry Bryan Ooten .



Cassandra H. - February 13, 2014 at 08:32 AM

TC

“ Tom And Liz Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of Terry Bryan Ooten



Tom and Liz Chamberlain - February 13, 2014 at 08:21 AM

 Laural Wilson

“ Laural Wilson lit a candle in memory of Terry Bryan Ooten



Laural Wilson - February 13, 2014 at 07:26 AM

PH

“ I remember Homer and Pam bringing Terry and Cindy to our house in the summer of 1964. Terry was only a few weeks old, and I loved babies! I was so excited that I got to see him. Homer and Cindy, I will be praying for you and his children. I am so sorry for your loss.
Peggy Hamby.

Peggy Hamby - February 12, 2014 at 05:50 PM

DC

“ We send Terry's family our deepest sympathies. God bless you and give you comfort and peace.

Ben, Deb, Gabriel, and Joshua Collins

Deborah Collins - February 12, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Milne - February 11, 2014 at 08:56 PM



This is for my kid Bro. He's on my shoulder now.

Cindy Milne - February 11, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ *Cindy Milne lit a candle in memory of Terry Bryan Ooten*



Cindy Milne - February 11, 2014 at 08:54 PM

KS

“ *Heaven opened its doors too early for you my dear brother in Christ.*

Kevin Spinks - February 11, 2014 at 07:45 PM

RP

“ *God Bless you T.O. - Rest in Peace friend. May God our heavenly Father keep his healing hands around the family during your time of grief and loss. Many prayers being sent for Melissa, TJ and Olivia!
Robbie Parrish and family*

Robbie Parrish - February 11, 2014 at 09:11 AM

GH

“ *I have and now until Heaven will continue to miss Terry since I moved from Tallahassee years ago.
Quite a lot of "firsts" were shared with Terry:
Scalloping St. Joe Bay, NASCAR at Talladega in-person, NASCAR pits at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Lorely condos in Helen, GA, St. George Island, fine cigars, port, options trading, trap shooting, tarpon fishing, Ricardo's, and probably more.
Greg Hill*

Greg Hill - February 10, 2014 at 05:14 PM

TB

“ *Rest in Peace Terry. May God give you eternal life.* ”



Tony Boulos - February 10, 2014 at 04:51 PM