

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

To Those I love
and Those Who Love Me

I gave you my love -
you can only guess
how much you gave
to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love
you each have shown,
but now it is time
I traveled on alone.

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears -
be happy that we had so many years.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on - -
so if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see me or touch me -
I will be near with all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile
and a "Welcome Home".

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Terrance Ward Oakes

WHO WAS BORN
October 17, 1939
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
February 20, 2019
Hays, Kansas

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Saturday, March 2, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANTS
Fr. Jack Nordick
Deacon Paul Treinen

MUSICIANS
Judy Fuller, Organist
St. John's Catholic Church Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS
Terry's Nephews:
Paul Oakes Rick Oakes Tim Oakes
Terry Oakes Chuck Heitz Matt Oakes

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
Terry's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INURNMENT
At a Later Date
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Terry's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the Mass, please join the family
for lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home
Ortonville, Minnesota

*T*errance Ward Oakes was born on October 17, 1939, at Minnesota-Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, MN, to Rayford and Agnes (Swanson) Oakes. He was raised and attended high school in Minneapolis, graduating from De La Salle in 1957. Terry began work at the Minnesota Highway Department and worked as a construction inspector for five years. He attended college for two years at Saint Thomas College in St. Paul, MN, studying geology and chemistry.

In 1957, Terry met Kathleen Ryan on a blind date for prom! They were married on January 3, 1959, at Church of St. Mark in St. Paul, and together raised five boys. The couple moved into the house that Terry built three months after their wedding in Hanover, MN. They lived there for ten years. In 1968, they moved to Ortonville, MN. Terry and his brother, Jim, purchased Coast-To-Coast Hardware Store and founded Oakes Brothers Honda and Marine. He later sold his half of the hardware store to his brother in 1976.

In 1974, Terry moved his family to a farm ten miles northeast of Ortonville. He studied farming practices including learning how to grow crops and raise livestock. He grew the farm to a 120-sow operation and raised calves and stock cows. In 2003, Terry retired and moved with his wife into Ortonville. He remodeled homes in town during his retirement.

Terry's Catholic faith was strong and very important to him. He was active in St. John's Catholic Church. He served as president of the church council for many years, read scripture at Mass, was a Eucharistic Minister, taught religious education, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also active with the Ortonville Chamber of Commerce. He was a committee member that built the municipal swimming pool, a member of the Jaycees, and served on the hospital and hospice boards. Terry was also proud to be a firearm safety instructor.

Terry had many hobbies other than farming and remodeling houses. He enjoyed hunting, participating in fishing tournaments, traveling, wood carving, and gardening. He loved his wife and his family. He cherished his time spent with them.

Terry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Kathleen; his children: Tom (Dayna) Oakes of Ortonville, MN; Daniel (Vicki) Oakes of Ortonville, MN; John (Julie Sammon) Oakes of Odessa, MN; Steven (Bobbie) Oakes of Ortonville, MN; and David (Denise) Oakes of Detroit Lakes, MN; grandchildren: Jesse, Jason, Isaac, Trenton, Dani, Brooke, Justin, Aaron, and Sean; great-grandchildren: Austen, Kyler, Wilson, Jaxon, Clara Kay, and Arya; sisters-in-law: Constance Oakes of Stillwater, MN; and Patricia (Dennis) Paine of Mora, MN.

Preceding Terry in death are his parents; brothers: Thomas, Charles, and James; sister, Sr. Dolores Oakes; daughter-in-law, Karen Oakes; sisters-in-law: Clarine Oakes and Doris Oakes; brothers-in-law: Thomas and John Ryan; and nephew, Michael Oakes.



A Life Remembered

Terrance "Terry" Oakes

October 17, 1939 - February 20, 2019