



Judd A. Terwilliger

February 25, 1942 - February 17, 2026

Judd Adair Terwilliger, 83 of Farwell, MI passed away a week shy of his 84th birthday on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 surrounded by family. Terwilliger was born February 25, 1942 in Detroit to Albert Morris and Lillian Rose (Love) Terwilliger. The family moved to Farwell in 1957 where his father opened Terwilliger's Foodtown, and where Judd worked as a teen. After a brief tenure in college, Terwilliger entered the US Army serving from 1962 to 1965, leaving with the rank of Sgt. Terwilliger continued serving in the US Army Reserves, retiring in the late '90s. He married Barbara (Brown) in May, 1962 in Farwell, MI and together raised five children. Terwilliger taught government and history at Freeland High School from 1967 to 1998, when he retired from teaching. He continued, however, to coach golf, volleyball, basketball, track and field and Freeland High School, and was inducted in the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. Terwilliger was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Cheryl; a grandson, Ryan; and a brother, Ted. He is survived by his daughters, Kelly, Michelle and Renee; his son, Jason; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and his brother Garth Terwilliger. Visitation is Thursday, February 26, 2026 from 2-4 pm, and 6-8 pm; Funeral Service is Friday, February 27 at 11 am; both services are at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home, 165 South Hall St., in Farwell, MI. Memorial contributions are suggested to Americans Hospice, the Clare Area Junior Golf Association or the American Heart Association. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
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Visitation

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ Dear Judd,
Please know that you've been an amazing grandfather to my Children. There's no doubt that you've inspired them in so many ways and that you'll always live on in their lives. I have huge regrets of not being able to Thank-you for that one last time 😞...please know you may be gone but you'll never be forgotten! RIP
Love, Robert

Robert R Kosnik - February 25 at 06:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judd A. Terwilliger.



February 25 at 10:34 AM

KA

“ Mr. Terwilliger was my favorite teacher at Freeland High School. Graduating in 1980, I have very fond memories of his class, he made it fun! May he rest in peace

Kathy - February 25 at 05:40 AM

KR

“ Judd and I shared over two decades of unforgettable fun in Wednesday Night Eagle Glen golf league and a few days afield chasing pheasant as well. There were always laughter and stories worth telling. Judd was a friend, a good man, and a great golf partner. You will be deeply missed my friend. Kevin Rogers

Kevin Rogers - February 24 at 03:19 PM



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

February 24 at 02:36 PM



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“ *I had Mr. Terwilliger as my history teacher and he was so patient. Later in life I ran into Judd again and we talked Freeland sports . I will miss you.*

Sandy Shepard Brown - February 23 at 09:36 PM



“ *So many of my high school sports memories include this guy as my coach. I still say "right idea, wrong results!" when I play beach volleyball in the summers. Love to the Terwilliger kids and family. I hope you find peace in the many lives he touched and the great life he lived. Rest easy, Coach T <3*

Courtney Sanders Wilkin - February 23 at 09:07 PM

AR

“ My heart goes out to the family and friends of Coach T. I have such fond memories of him, both in the classroom and on the volleyball court. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a no-nonsense way of getting things done.

After I graduated, Coach asked me to come back and work with him as the JV Volleyball Coach at FHS. It was such a special experience, and I'll always be grateful for it. I'll never forget the life lessons, the long bus rides, the tournaments, and all the good times we shared along the way.

He made a lasting impact on so many of us.

Amy Rutledge-Kato, FHS class of 85

Amy S Rutledge-Kato - February 23 at 01:17 PM

MP

“ My family all new the family, did busines with them and we are sad to hear of Judds passing. Blessings. to the family.

Mickie Nichols Pifer - February 22 at 10:10 PM

CH

“ I played volleyball for Coach T from 2002-2006. I have found memories of him and will always remember our library conditioning runs, our cold bus rides to Traverse City and other random places on Saturdays in the winter for volleyball.

Cristin Murschel Hansen - February 21 at 09:24 PM

JK

“ I'm heartbroken to hear of the passing of Mr.T. He had a calm, patient way about him that us students appreciated. My favorite memory of him was while on the golf team. As we were teeing off, he would say "hit 'em long and not too often". RIP Mr. T.

Jason Kasper - February 21 at 08:10 PM

LH

“ Mr. Terwilliger was my government teacher in 9th grade 1971 - he was such a nice man - I also babysat for him and his wife when they lived on the corner of church and 1st street across from the old town hall in Freeland . Good memories . Will always remember him. RIP Mr. Terwilliger

Lisa Hahn - February 21 at 05:09 PM

CL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Judd's passing. Both my daughters played volleyball for him. While my daughters played, I sat on the bench taking stats for him. Many years. I'm also a bus driver and bussed his teams to many other schools. Sometimes we would get back so late and I know he still had a long drive home. He loved coaching and the kids loved him. May you rest in peace Judd. You helped many kids in school and I know they won't forget you. God Bless you and prayers for your family. Chris Lesnar

Chris Lesnar - February 21 at 05:00 PM

NL

“ Mr. T was a legend at Freeland, everyone had a cool story. He was my history teacher, my drivers Ed (I spilled his coffee before we even left the parking lot!) he was a beloved coach to so many teams and students. He was very beloved and will be missed.

Nichole LaVigne - February 21 at 12:53 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry to see the passing of Mr Terwilliger. He was a patient of the dental office that I have since retired from. He was a very nice man. Always very pleasant to work with. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you as you deal with your grief. RIP Mr Terwilliger.

Charlene K Long - February 20 at 08:57 PM

SL

My sympathies to the family 🌹

Susan (Glass) Loranger - February 23 at 05:54 PM

EL

“ *Eagle Glen Wednesday Night Golf League purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judd A. Terwilliger.*



Eagle Glen Wednesday Night Golf League - February 20 at 05:02 PM

FL

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From Steve and Diane Lambert - February 19 at 06:16 PM

FL

“ *From Steve and Diane Lambert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judd A. Terwilliger.*



From Steve and Diane Lambert - February 19 at 06:16 PM

GA

“ *Rest in Peace, my brother.*

Garth - February 19 at 05:25 PM

GB

Many of us will remember Mr T as having a no-nonsense, calm and cool demeanor, an invaluable trait when dealing with his FHS students! I was lucky to have him as a teacher and golf coach, who took us all the way to state finals.

-Gregg Baldwin, Class of 1975

Gregg Baldwin - February 21 at 07:12 PM