



Charles Terry Ross

January 28, 2024

Charles Terry Ross, "Terry", passed away unexpectedly in his home on January 28, 2024.

Terry was born on May 15, 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee to Ann Bell and Otho Charles Ross. After the loss of his father in 1944 while fighting in WWII, Terry was raised by his brilliantly strong mother and grandmother, the latter of whom regularly peppered him with colloquialisms like "Discretion is the better part of valor." He took great joy in sharing these little sparks of wisdom with his children whenever he felt appropriate. Usually when they misbehaved or talked back!

After high school Terry went to Memphis State University. Following college, he spent several years as a successful investment broker, which is what brought him and his family to the Houston area. In the mid-1970s he left the world of investments to start L&R Management Co. with his partner. Thus began a successful 40 plus year career as a Real Estate Developer, Manager, and Broker. Terry's passion for Fair Housing led him to many years as elected president of AHMA East Texas, as well as past president of NLHA. He also had a strong belief in the equitable treatment of elderly and disabled tenants. As a result, he co-created the Section 504 Fair Housing Course and spent several years traveling the country teaching the course, and leading seminars on Fair Housing and the specific requirements for compliance with ADA

regulations.

Terry was equally passionate about his hobbies and interests. He was a voracious reader, enjoying everything from books on religion to sci-fi and fantasy. Some of his favorite authors were Andrew M. Greeley, James Patterson, and Anne McAffrey. He was also a lover of good wine and great food, and loved to cook. He enjoyed experimenting with new recipes, often trying them on his children. Terry also enjoyed photography and took great joy in taking pictures for family events, friends' parties, and celebrations at his favorite hang-outs. He was also involved as an adult leader with the Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, including a month long hiking trip to Philmont. Philmont is an arduous, lengthy trek through the New Mexico wilderness. Terry trained for months in anticipation of the journey with his son's Scout troop, walking the neighborhood with a 40 pound backpack. Another of his great passions was his family's genealogy. He spent countless hours researching and gathering information from relatives and the internet. He also loved music, like the band Celtic Woman. And he rarely passed up an opportunity to stop at Starbucks for his favorite Vente Caramel Macchiato!

Terry is preceded in death by his father Otho Charles Ross, mother Ann Bell McAuley, step-father Andrew Alston "Mac" McAuley, and brother W. Frank Hill. And his beloved dogs Kylie and Molly.

Terry is survived by his daughter Sherri Ross Eisenhauer, son Andrew K. Ross, daughter-in-law Jennifer Orr Ross, grandson Sutton Ross, granddaughter Ainsley Ross, and his sweet dog, Ellie.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service and celebration of Terry's life:

Saturday, February 17th at 11:00am

Northwoods Presbyterian Church

3320 Cypress Creek Parkway (FM 1960 West)
Houston, Texas 77068

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Terry's name to any of the following:

The American Heart Association

<https://www.heart.org/>

Alzheimer's Association

<https://act.alz.org/>

Planned Parenthood

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>

CAMO Rescue

<https://www.camorescue.com/>

Or any animal rescue of your choice!

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Terry's family. I began working with Terry in 2000 for Southwest Housing when we started as HUD's contract administrator in Texas. I/we had no idea what we were doing and Terry knew it! He drove up from Houston area one of those early days and took me and a co-worker to lunch. He was the only owner/agent who did that and through his calm presence delivered a "you'll be OK, you'll figure it out" message. Thank God for small favors and the big favors they become to those who receive them. Forever a mentor, rest in peace, Terry.

Michael Cummings - February 16, 2024 at 12:48 PM

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“ Condolences to Terry's family. I worked closely with Terry for several years as members of the NAHMA professional association. Worked closely on HUD Regulatory Affairs and Fair Housing (where we developed Fair Housing Guideline handbooks for Owners and Management Agents of federally assisted multifamily housing properties. He was a good friend and mentor and passionate about service to the low income housing industry. I will miss him.

Rest in peace my friend.

Mike Goodwin - February 07, 2024 at 01:10 PM