



# Dr. William C. Terral

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**D**r. William Carter Terral, practicing physician for 60 years, departed this earth and entered into his heavenly home on December 2, 2009 at 8:00 PM. He was 84 years old. Upon graduating from medical school and then completing training in family medicine, he opened his practice (the only doctor in town) in Farmerville, Louisiana (the place of his birth). There was no hospital there within 35 miles, so he soon established his own 12 bed hospital where he met his patients medical and surgical needs. Dr. Terral joined the U.S. Army Medical Corp and served two years in France. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he began his pediatric residency at L.S.U. Charity Hospital. He and his family remained in New Orleans where he practiced Pediatrics until 1991, at which time he joined his son, Dr. William L. Terral in his practice in Covington. Dr. Terral's collective medical files encompass 4 generations of patients. Having an insatiable appetite for knowledge, made him an avid reader. His extraordinarily retentive mind preserved for him an encyclopedia storehouse of knowledge. One of his greatest joys was sharing his plethora of information with anyone who would sit down and listen. Choose the subject! He could teach/preach on politics, the economy, history, the wars (all of them), etc. etc. Next to having a good listener, he was never happier than when working in his garden. His Hibiscus plants (his favorite) were spectacular! Although steeped in all the traditional "tried and true" methods of gardening, he was also known to implement some innovative and not so conventional methods of his own. Having collected a few bags of discarded plasma, he hung them high above his prized hibiscus plants and administered this life enhancing potion into the soil. Observation: the blooms were larger than ever! Dr. Terral is survived by his wife Doris Foto, whom he married in 1995. He is survived by his sons, Dr. William L. Terral, Mark Scott Terral, David "Brett" Terral, Brett's wife Lizette Monelzon Terral, Dr. Thomas Gregory Terral, Gregg's wife Lori Blakely Terral. He is also survived by the mother of his children



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and wife of 47 years, Lylen “Mitty” Terral. Their daughter Jann Terral Ferris preceded her father in death on June 23 of this year. Jann’s husband Gray Flowers Ferris preceded them both in death on June 13 of 2008. As his children enriched his life immeasurably, so did his grandchildren. They are Dr. Lylen Ferris Swiericzuk, her husband, Michael Swiericzuk, Rev. Jason Ferris, his wife Rebecca Marshall Ferris, Thomas Terral, Grayson Terral, Annie Terral, Lauren Terral, Megan Terral, David Terral, Carter Terral, Blakely Terral, Hayden Terral and Elise Terral. His great grandchildren are: Nathan Swericzuk and Ruby Swericzuk. Two granddaughters preceded him in death: Katherine Terral in 1995; and Shelby Ferris in 1999. Mignon Terral Pratt of Ruston, LA is Dr. Terral’s one remaining sibling. Dr. Terral’s mother was Rosa Cherry Terral, his father Thomas Fontain Terral. His deceased siblings are: Dorothy Terral Rabb, Dr. Forrest Terral, Rannie Terral, Edna Terral Lawhon and John Terral. Dr. Terral will be sadly missed by the myriad of friends, patients, colleagues, fellow workers and family – whose hearts he touched in such a profound way. The family especially would like to mention two nurses, whose devotion was legendary: Bertha Baptiste and Linda Gainey. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial service at First Baptist Church, 16333 Hwy 1085, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM followed by a fellowship gathering.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



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GG

**Geneva Sue Terral Goodwin** posted:

In June, 1953, visiting my parents Robert Lee and Geneva Terral in Downsville, LA, I wakened with severe pain migrating from my right knee into my abdomen. I saw a dead black widow spider on my sheet. There were two - double punctures on my knee. Daddy drove the 11 miles to Dr. Billy Terral's Clinic in Farmerville. A nurse called his home and he immediately came to the clinic- saw the dead black widow and the marks of spider bites on my knee: by this time the neurotoxin was causing excruciating pain. Dr. Billy administered the anti-venom as he told me " You are going to experience a warm sensation as it enters your body". I was in his clinic three days. The pain was as though 100 baseball bats were beating my body. Nausea was very unpleasant. Breathing became affected but here I am today at age 87. Dr. Billy Terral gave me excellent care and I have good memories of him and his caring capacity and professional expertise. Geneva Sue Terral Goodwin ( Yes, we are related). March 4, 2022

March 4 at 2:35 PM

JO

**Johntaeowens** posted:

I have remember that he have became my doctor every since I was a little boy

July 9 at 7:14 PM

JO

**Johntaeowens** July 9 at 7:50 PM  
Rest In Peace Dr Terrel

JO

**Johntaeowens** July 9 at 7:32 PM  
I really do miss him so much

JO

**Johntaeowens** July 9 at 7:20 PM  
Dr Terrel was one of those best pediatrician doctors every since I have first known him. It is not easy once you have lost someone like dr Terrel

PG

**Paige Gunter** posted:

My childhood story would not be complete without Dr Terral in it. When I saw him as an adult, I still felt like that little girl unable to reach the door handle in the examining room. My respect for him is immeasurable. I feel truly blessed to have known him and doubly blessed for my children to have known him.

December 17 at 11:07 AM



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ST

**Stacy Tardy** posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you all...He will be missed by many but forgotten by none....

December 11 at 1:20 PM

BL

**Brandi Lobello** posted:

"Pappy" will be missed greatly. I enjoyed listening to everything that he had to say and I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with scuh a wonderful man. His knowlegde and wisdom was something that could never be taught except by him.He made a lasting impression on me and for that I am thankful. I will forever miss him and I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.

December 11 at 8:32 AM

LL

**Lisa Labiche** posted:

I had the pleasure to meet Dr. Terral twice. First in 1958 when I was born, and more recently, about 2 weeks ago. I sat with him and we talked about our ancestors. What an amazing man. I am glad I had the chance to meet him again. My prayers are with him and with his family.

December 10 at 1:36 PM

LF

**Lisa Foto** posted:

Our love is being sent to the family of Dr. Bill. He was a special person in our family. So kind and always an ear to listen. We will miss him. ~Lisa Foto

December 10 at 5:04 AM

CL

**Carolyn Leperi** posted:

So sorry to hear about Dr. Terral. He took care of my 4 children. Always so caring.

December 9 at 5:23 AM



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HF

**Harry And Arden Cahill & Family** posted:

Dr. Terral was always on the move... he was quick, kind and conscientious. He was indeed a family doctor. Our family is deeply saddened by his passing and we will never forget his goodness. We will keep him and his fine family in our prayers. With much love to the family, Harry, Arden, Chip, Jack, Mary Kevin, Kelly and Chris Cahill

December 8 at 11:19 AM

TF

**The Declouet Family** posted:

From The Declouet Family to the Terral Family... You have my deepest sympathy and condolences. Dr. Terral cared for my entire family when we were kids and he was the best.

December 7 at 3:41 PM

PS

**Paul R. Spitzfaden, Jr.** posted:

Dr. Terral dispensed a healthy assist to many a youngster in life. God says to those with steadfast faith, I too have given man an assist, my SON. Bill has answered God's call to come home through Christ, and bids a "short" farewell to those he has known. My condolences to his family. He was indeed a faithful servant.

December 7 at 11:36 AM

JS

**Janelle Sullivan** posted:

My condolences go out to Dr. Terral's family. I loved taking my children to see him. He always took the time to discuss their health problems with me until I understood. He will be missed by all.

December 7 at 6:01 AM

CD

**Childs & Patsy Dunbar** posted:

WE SEND OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF BILL'S FAMILY. I MET BILL AS HE WALKED DOWN PARK BLVD.FROM THE BUS STOP IN ALGIERS. HE WAS A SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENT THAT HAD COME A COURTING OUR NEIGHBOR MITTY. LATER WE WERE NEIGHBORS ON KABEL DRIVE. THE TERRAL CHILDREN WERE ALWAYS A JOY TO HAVE AROUND. MITTY, THESE ARE FOND MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER BILL'S FRIENDLY SMILE AND ASSURING MANNER. CHILDS & PATSY DUNBAR

December 6 at 1:09 PM



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CL

**Catherine Lamkin** posted:

Dr Terral "Pappy" - All of us at the Clinic will miss you so very much!! I love to hear all of the great memories from all of the patients when they come in for their appointments. So many generations of patients share their happy memories of you... You were so loved and will be missed by so many. Each and everyone of us have learned so much from you!

December 5 at 5:29 PM

JD

**Jacqueline Drott** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this tragic loss. Dr. Terrall was a good, kind, very intelligent doctor and will be greatly missed. I will always remember the things he taught me when I brought my children in when they were sick. He is in a much better place with God, in heaven. This is a great loss to the medical profession. Sincerely, Jacqueline Drott and children.

December 5 at 7:48 AM

JB

**Jeri Lynn And Justin Bourgeois** posted:

Dr. Terral, I am so sorry for your lost- your dad was a good man- and when it came to his profession- he really knew what he was talking about- I am surely going too miss him in the office- my prayers are with you and your family. take care.

December 4 at 11:19 AM

SG

**Shane Gaeta** posted:

he was my doctor since i was born the best doctor in the world i just foundt out i cried he will be missed

December 3 at 1:45 PM

KA

**Karen** posted:

Sorry for your lost

December 3 at 9:38 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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