



Terry Wilbur

January 30, 2024

Terry Jon Wilbur died peacefully at his home in Fort Collins, CO on 1/30/24 surrounded by his loving family. He will be laid to rest on 6/8/24 in Fairfield Cemetery, Albert City, Iowa, after a memorial service at Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church. A small gathering will also be held on 5/1/24 in Littleton, CO where Terry lived for 40 years. Nancy and Terry moved to Fort Collins, CO two and half years ago to live near their daughter Molly and family as Terry's health declined.

Terry was born on Mother's Day 5/11/47 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was raised in Albert City, Iowa, a small Swedish farming community near Storm Lake. Terry was a first-generation graduate of Iowa State University. Terry was loyal to his alma mater his whole life. His experiences at ISU shaped who Terry became as a man. Terry worked in the Friley Hall cafeteria, dining hall, and repair shop. He was also a head resident. He always followed ISU football and basketball. On their first date, Nancy knew she would have to take Terry seriously as a loyal, hard-working ISU graduate as were both her grandparents and aunt and uncle. That worked out, and Nancy and Terry were married just short of 30 years.

With his B.S. in Mathematics, Terry became a teacher and then banker, insurance agent, and realtor in Redfield, Iowa. Terry taught junior high and high school math and science. He also coached football, basketball, and

track. In 1983 he moved to Littleton, CO. There he completed his advanced CPCU Insurance Designation, later teaching courses for the association. He worked as a commercial insurance underwriter and trainer. As companies were bought and sold or shifted operations to and from Denver, he worked for Bankers Union Life, USF&G, Safeco, Allied, and for the last 15 years, Nationwide Insurance. He also worked for two independent companies - J.R. Miskin, Inc. and Applied Risk Solutions. Terry wanted customers to secure the insurance coverage they needed and to be able to use it well. Terry was a consummate learner, reader, and ethical person. He always seemed to know just the right decision to make. He was always any boss's right-hand man, who had every detail correct.

Terry is survived by his first wife Mary Kathryn McKey Morris and his second wife Nancy L. Shanklin Wilbur and 3 daughters – Jennifer Powers, Megan Taunton, and Molly Elder and their husbands – Michael, James, and Chad. He has 8 grandchildren – Katrina, Christian, Eden, Chloey; Keelie and Christopher; Emden and Avery and 5 great grandsons – Nolan, King, Atlas, Artemis, and James. He is also survived by his 3 brothers – Michael, Dennis, and Tom Wilbur and two sisters Peg Hannam and Margo Forbes. He is preceded in death by his parents Vivian and Alva Wilbur. Terry dearly loved his family and was happiest when he could be with them.

Terry enjoyed playing and watching golf on TV. As a retirement gift, his daughters gave him tickets to the whole week of the PGA Senior Open at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. He so enjoyed going to this tournament. He also loved the week of Texas golf outings organized by his nephew for the men in his family. Terry also enjoyed vacations with Nancy. He loved their trips to the National Parks and Mali (West Africa), Hawaii, Alaska, and a final trip to Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland. Terry loved music and dancing having grown up on WLS Radio from Chicago and his dad's record collection. Nancy and Terry belonged to the Carousel Dance Club for over 30

years. In his later years, Terry was fascinated by nature shows on PBS, mysteries, and action movies, and old Western TV series especially The Rifleman because of its clear moral teachings from father and son. Terry continued to follow Iowa State, Bronco, Packer, Steeler, and Chiefs football and the NCAA Basketball Tournament. With ISU's Josh Purdy becoming a San Francisco 49'er, he was also following them. Like his mom, Terry loved bird watching, especially hawks and eagles. He always perked up when he could be with or talk to his grandchildren or close friends.

As a family, we are very appreciative of the help Terry received from his caregivers at Home Instead, physical therapists, trainers, and dining room staff at Mackenzie Place, and nurses from Alliant Hospice. Donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Parkinson's Foundation, Lewy Body Dementia Association, or Habitat for Humanity.

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“ *Mr. Wilber was an all around great guy, he was our teacher & our coach. Caring, kind and respectful.
RIP Terry.*

Jane McMenamin - August 26, 2025 at 03:56 AM

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“ *I had Terry as a Math teacher. Best teacher around.*

Glenda Baker (Pruitt) - February 28, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ *I was just thinking about Terry the other day! Terry was a wonderful person and a great friend. It's been years since we've seen him, but we always exchanged Christmas Cards with letters about what had happened over the past year. Heaven got a great angel when Terry arrived!*

Tom and Sue Short - February 18, 2024 at 12:16 PM

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“ *I remember Mr. Wilbur fondly! He was my Math teacher and overall favorite teacher! I didn't realize he later went into insurance. Would be fun to talk to him today as I too went on to graduate and work in the field of insurance. Rest in peace.*

Pat Griffith - February 16, 2024 at 03:55 PM