



Terry Stanfill

October 12, 1953 - August 7, 2021

Terry Gene Stanfill, 67, of Gentry, AR, passed away on August 7th, 2021, at his home in rural Gentry.

Terry was born in Fort Smith, AR on October 12, 1953, to Bill and Joyce Stanfill. He grew up in Mansfield, AR until moving to Greenwood, AR in 1966. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 1971, where he was a member of the Greenwood High School Hall of Fame. After high school, Terry attended Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and was a four-year baseball letterman graduating in 1975.

Terry started working for SWEPCO at Shreveport, LA in 1975, as a trainee for the plant chemist at the new Flint Creek Power Plant in Gentry, AR, which was then under construction. In 1977, Terry transferred to Flint Creek Power Plant and served there as plant chemist until his retirement in 2010.

Terry was a long-time Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball coach in Siloam Springs, AR, through the 80s and 90s where he coached and influenced many local young men.

In 1999, Terry was instrumental in the creation and construction of the Eagle Watch Nature Trail on SWEPCO Lake in Gentry, AR. There he worked with many local groups including 4-H, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts and he always looked forward to the annual Earth Day celebration. The Eagle Watch continued to be his passion through retirement and up to the very end of his life.

Terry's love for nature and wildlife also inspired him to take up photography in the early 90s. He was well known by many local photographers and was lucky to call many of them friends. His photos were published locally and regionally. He had many Facebook followers who looked forward to his daily posts of pictures from his "Morning Rounds" of locations close to home and his "Happy Place" in Boxley Valley near Ponca, AR. Terry always hoped to inspire people to look at nature in a more positive and respectful way, believing that every creature has a purpose whether we understand it or not.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Billy Stanfill; paternal grandparents, James Lee Stanfill and Dixie Cross Stanfill; and maternal grandparents Virgil Caudle and Edith Gardenhire Caudle.

Terry is survived by his wife, Margaret "Cris" Stanfill of the home; two stepchildren, Stacy Phelps of Siloam Springs, AR and Joshua Haynes and wife Darla of Rose, OK; three grandsons, Connor Williams of Siloam Springs and Jordan and Jaxon Haynes of Rose, OK; his mother, Joyce Stanfill of Greenwood, AR; two brothers, Larry Stanfill and wife Mary of Greenwood, AR and Greg Stanfill of Lowell, AR; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm on August 12, at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boxley Valley near Ponca, AR, Terry's "Happy Place". Rev. Randy Moll, long-time friend, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made in Terry's name to one of the following:

Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, 1725 S. Smokehouse Trail, Fayetteville, AR 72721, info@nwalandtrust.org, 479-966-466

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, 1100 North Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, Arkansas@naturalheritage.com, 501-324-9619

Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, 2204 Hendricks Blvd, Fort Smith, AR 72903, info@nwarkadubon.org

Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory, Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Terry was a good friend of mine. I was saddened to hear of the news that Terry had passed away. I will always remember him for his kind and caring ways and for his great love of nature. The world was a better place because of him. May you Rest in Peace Terry Stanfill.



Sheena Hare - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so saddened by the lose of an incredible, loving, caring man. Terry brought such joy and happiness to my life through his pictures and beautiful words of a way of life almost forgotten. He was so kind as to share some photography tips with me through the years. I lived for his beautiful pictures everyday as his pictures made it possible for me to experience things my disability would not allow. I know heaven has a special angel and I hope to see you again my friend, on the other side!



Susan Bolls - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Greg. I am so sorry about. Your losses of. Sonia. Terrible. An. Mom. All ro soon. An. Quick. My. Blessings g are with you. 💕💕
💕🙏🙏🙏. Vicki petree

Vicki Petree - August 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My condolences to all friends and family. I was so saddened to hear the news of Terry's passing. Rest In Peace, Terry. Wishing you comfort and peace.



Connie Hawkins - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ What a joy it was seeing Terry's regular FB post with his beautiful photography from his Eagle Watch trail. It was especially precious to us because, due to my Dad's poor health, we have been unable to visit the trail behind our family farm. My Dad passed away just days before Terry. It was especially sad to read that Terry was gone, too. This is a great loss and a bright light is extinguished. The love they inspired lives on, though. Condolences to Terry's family.

Gwen Wiggins - August 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Terry's pictures made the Middle School office a brighter place and made you feel a little closer to nature.

Larry - August 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I never got the opportunity to meet Terry face to face though I so hoped for that. I will in heaven I'm sure and it will be glorious. I do want to say though how kind and generous he always was with tips, information and he even sent me butterfly bush seeds in the mail. His presence will be sorly missed in many arenas's of life, but especially by those of us who shared his passion for nature and Photography. RIP Terry. We'll see you on the other side.

Gena Warrington - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Did know him personally... but His photos were beautiful and such God's blessings to see and enjoy!
Praying for your family!



Lori Hassion - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ So sorry for your loss! You are in our thoughts and prayers!



Lane and Leah Weaver - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ My sincere condolence to the family. I so enjoyed Terry's post on Backroads Arkansas. His photos were so beautiful.

Patricia A Arnold - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Condolences

April - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I worked with Terry at the Flint Creek Power Plant from 1977 to 2008 when I retired. Always found him an interesting person to work with and enjoyed his photos.

Randall Nix - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I looked forward daily to seeing Terry's beautiful pictures! He gave permission to print two of these which are hanging in my living room. I am grateful for the sharing of his beautiful photos. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Doris Cawood - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I worked with Terry for many years. I knew Terry as a hard working and very intelligent man. He was always challenging me in work we wanted to accomplish at Flint Creek and made me a better engineer because of this. I knew if Terry was involved with a project it would get done right. Over the years we became friends. I got to enjoy his photography and have a couple of his pictures hanging in my office. I am very sad to hear of his passing and will keep Terry and his family in my prayers. Hey buddy until I get to meet up with you again.

Douglas Hubbard - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Sending my love & prayers for Cris , Terry's mom, his brothers & all his family & friends. Terry had such a great heart & love for all of nature, beautiful flowers & wildlife. He is greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Janet Poplin - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ What a blessing to be A FACEBOOK FRIEND of Terry Stanfill a kind and talented photographer who loved nature. I will always remember those morning sunrise pictures and know that he is at rest with the Maker of those "Love Letters in the Sky.

Kathy KOONE - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ I met Terry on Facebook following his wildlife photography. He was always kind to answer any questions I had about wildlife. Being originally from Arkansas, I was familiar with N.W. Arkansas and the Eagle Watch.

I will miss seeing Terry's Morning Rounds. I believe he is rejoicing with the Creator of those beautiful Love Letter's in the sky.

My sincere condolences to the family at this time.



Elizabeth Ratcliffe - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Thank you for all your beautiful pictures. I loved them. Prayers

Donna Phillips - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I'm so sad to hear of Terry's passing. I loved all of his photos on FB. He will be missed. Prayers to his family.

tanya Skoumbourdis - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Terry's Family. May God give you peace and comfort during this sad time. He will be missed by many!

Ina L Steele - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ So saddened to hear about your loss. We have known this family for many years. We went to school together at Mansfield until he moved and went to Greenwood High. I have enjoyed all of his Beautiful pictures and all of his knowledge of every bird and flower he photographed. He will be sorely missed. We know he is in a better place and not suffering any more. God Bless your entire family and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Michael and Debbie (Scott) Brock - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I became acquainted with Terry when I worked at the Walmart photo center in Siloam Springs. He used to bring in lots of rolls of film to be developed and printed. He would wait on the 1 hour service so we always tried to hurry and get them done. We couldn't wait to see his beautiful pictures! We kept trying to get him to go digital but he hung on to his 35mm for a long time then finally joined the digital crowd. He was a wonderful photographer and a great man. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. I know you will rest in peace Terry at your happy place!

Marsha Scott - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you always.
Love you!



Lynne Norris - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I had seen Terry's photography on FB and then met Terry several years ago at the Eagle Watch. He was such a kind, friendly man with a passion for nature and photography. I enjoyed talking to him almost every time I was there. I feel grateful for those conversations and for all the photographs he shared, as well as his dedication to natural spaces in our state. Your family is in my prayers.

Mignonne Scarbrough - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I first met Terry when I moved to Arkansas in 2004 to work at the Flint Creek Power Plant. Terry was a Chemist at that time, and he had been overseeing his creation at the Eagle Watch and Nature Trail for several years. I'll never forget how eager he was to show me around, but he mostly wanted to show me the wildlife habitat that he convinced plant management to establish and let Terry nurture on the vast property owned by the company. What a decision that was! Terry's oversight and activities endure to this day both at the Eagle Watch as well as on private plant property that is managed as certified wildlife habitat. That was a defining characteristic of Terry's: making things better overall in a selfless manner in whatever he did and wherever he went. I had the continued pleasure of working with Terry following his semi-retirement (he kept managing the Eagle Watch and Nature Trail), and his shoes will not be able to be filled, although we would all benefit by trying to walk in his shoes. I will miss Terry a lot, and I will always remember him fondly.



Scott Carney - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Terry was a year ahead of me at Greenwood High. He was smart, athletic, school-spirited and an all-around great guy. I so enjoyed his almost daily posts of nature around him. The world has lost a light and Heaven has gained a new citizen. We will miss you Terry.

Mary Sue - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ He was a great man.I will miss seeing and enjoying his beautiful photographs.

Bill Swain - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I have enjoyed and looked forward to Terry's posts each day. Although I never met him I felt a connection to him as I have relatives in Mansfield and Greenwood that he knew. His posts will be deeply missed.



Shirley Wheeler - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Terry,
I remember so well in elementary school when you and Carroll Elmore would study and report anything and everything about birds. Your passion was clear even at that young age. You stuck with it and made it your life's work, influencing others and letting us see what was so special to you. Thank you seems lame, so I will just say "farewell for now; until we meet again."



Beverly Womack - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am in sorrow and shock that Terry has gone. He is one of those people who I think go straight to Heaven and there he is enjoying nature undamaged by human activities. Years ago Terry invited me to talk to families on Earth Day at Eagle Watch. As an entomologist, I would talk about pollinators, butterflies, insect ecology, host plants. I found that Terry was a self-less good man, sharing Eagle Watch, and nature, with young people and with me through his amazing photographs. Your establishment of Eagle Watch was a major life achievement Terry, and your photographs showed your love of nature. You are missed.

Don Steinkraus - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Terry was a rare and blessed man who blessed many in return. His life will be a light to many people.



Diane Carr - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I'm so sad to hear of Terry's passing. I loved all of his photos on FB. He will be missed. Prayers to his family.



Kimberley Laster - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I will miss seeing Terry's photos on the Dirt Roads of Arkansas Facebook site. He was a wonderful photographer

Susan Clark - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Terry's family- thank you for sharing this talented man with us on FB. His pictures were delightful way to start each day! Peace to you.

Maddy - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I did not know Terry personally but I enjoyed his photography very much. His caring of nature and talent showed in his pictures. He will be missed by Backroads followers. Blessings and prayers for his family.

Ginger Feild - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I met Terry on Facebook. I've been a fan of his photography for a few years now. His photos were spectacular and his knowledge was unlimited, I admired the man and his abilities. God rest his soul. 🙏🙏



Charlie Goyette - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Although I did not know Terry personally, I was a huge fan of his beautiful photos. You could tell Terry was a good soul from his wonderful captures of the natural beauty all around us. He will be missed terribly by all who enjoyed that he shared this gift daily. Prayers to his family and close friends. RIL Terry.

Dovey Tweedy - August 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KL

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