



Dr. Terry Ronald Baker

August 29, 1940 - August 16, 2023

Dr. Terry Ronald Baker passed away on August 16, 2023 aged 82. He slipped from this life after a short illness surrounded by his loving family.

Terry's earthly journey was the epitome of a life well lived. Born in Pennsylvania, he became a proud graduate of Cornell University in 1962. He then went on to medical school and obtained a degree from University of Rochester in New York. He then completed his residency in ophthalmology at UCSF. He had a thriving practice as an eye surgeon practice at 490 Post Street in San Francisco until retirement after 28 years.

He also donated his time and expertise performing sight restoring operations through out the world with his lovely wife Lynne, a registered nurse, by his side.

As an avid and accomplished skier, he loved the slopes near his home in Truckee along with heli skiing with friends in Utah and Canada.

Terry was an animal lover and the couple were pet parents to many beloved Newfoundland dogs.

He was a traveler of the world and sought out wonderful adventures which he graciously shared with family and friends by including them in exceptional trips.

He had a myriad of interests and excelled at all: gourmet cooking, painting, photography, history and more.

He was a wonderful friend and confidant to those who sought out his council.

He was genuinely a nice guy.

Terry is survived by his wife of 40 years Lynne, his son Jon and grandsons Jaxson and Baxter, sister Judy Benz along with many extended family members and many friends.

Terry was quick witted, generous and willing to share his extensive knowledge and experience. He will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.

Tribute Wall

EG

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Terry’s passing. He was not only my doctor but my friend. My thoughts are with Lynne as I know she is missing him greatly.

Edith Golden - August 09, 2024 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ It’s a sad day for us in Santa Fe. Terry’s passing is a great loss for all of us.
I knew Terry for over 40 years. We took our board exams together in the seventies. We were in the same call group for all of the 40 years. Terry was always there when you needed him. He was bright and witty. He was the one to go to with "sticky" problems. He was, in fact, like the consigliere of our group. The one who smoothed things over.
I trusted him soooo much, I even bought his Lexus from him way, way back.
My wife Karen and I share many a story about Terry. His memory will always be a mitzvah!
Mel "Yogi" Bert, MD
Santa Fe, NM

Mel "Yogi" Bert - September 10, 2023 at 10:43 PM

LD

“ Terry was a great brother-in-law! He took my husband (Lynne's brother Lonnie) and me under his protective wing while traveling in France! We became experienced travelers while learning from him. On one of our many trips in France, we were on a week-long bicycle trip. On the last day, both Terry and I were exhausted, while our companions were still ready to ride. I found a train station and Terry and I opted for the train to our final destination instead of 25 more miles of cycling. We had a blast. He spoke limited French, but that was enough for the other train riders wanting to inquire about our spandex outfits. We got to our town, had a wonderful lunch, took a walk and bought English newspapers and retired to the hotel's bar. Terry was always willing to answer any medical questions we had and he helped me when Lonnie had to have emergency surgery. He gave me lots of information after we commiserated about our own heart attacks.

I loved Terry and was blessed to know him more than 25 years. He was generous with his knowledge and resources.

I will miss him very much.

LeeAnn Dickson - August 29, 2023 at 07:23 PM

TA

“ I remember, as if it was yesterday, the day Terry performed his last cataract surgery in room 3 at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. It was a very happy day for Terry.
After a long and successful career, Terry was **READY** for the next phase. He was in a celebratory mood.
Terry embraced “retirement” like I have rarely seen in our profession. There was no looking back, only forward...towards more adventures.
What followed for Terry and Lynne was clearly anything but a sedentary life.

A well lived life!

Be strong Lynne, your Saint Francis OR family send you a warm and affectionate communal hug.

Tom Ahlberg - August 28, 2023 at 12:16 PM

LM

“ I have known Terry since 1977, when I, a Plastic Surgeon, began practicing in San Francisco, also at ST. Francis Hospital, and also with an office at 490 Post Street. Terry was an excellent ophthalmologist, a caring and wise friend with a great sense of humor, and a proud example of the medical profession at its best. In the 1980's, I joined Terry and Lynne on numerous two-week surgical trips to Guatemala: he, operating on cataracts; I, on cleft lips; Lynne, the superb surgical nurse. Both at home and away we shared so many wonderful experiences. I am so fortunate to have had these two exceptional professionals as close friends and colleagues.

Les Hovey

Leslie M Hovey MD - August 27, 2023 at 03:12 PM

LP

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Terry. We are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Love

Fred and Lynn Pfeifer

lynn pfeifer - August 27, 2023 at 11:34 AM