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Ricky "Bear" Eugene Terry

Sept. 12, 1962 - April 30, 2026

Ricky "Bear" Eugene Terry, 63, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on September 12, 1962, he was the son of the late Garland Eugene Terry and Frances Pearl Whisnant Terry.

Bear was a man of many talents and a valued member of the community. He was an outgoing man who never met a stranger, and he was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed playing Santa every year and helped at South Mountain Children's Home. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Lisa Penley Terry; daughter, Candace Terry; grandchildren, Azrael Williams and Logan Terry; step-daughters, Ashley Harper (Herron) and Jennifer Winters; step-grandchildren, Alayna Harper, Jordan Dula, Nevaeh Harper, Harmonie Harper, A'kyra Lucas, Jaiden Lucas, Malea Lucas, and Paris Dillingham; and the mother of his children, Crystal Conner Cogdell.

In addition to his parents, Bear was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Eric Terry.

Services for Ricky are incomplete and will be announced at a later date.

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



I am just seeing this today and I am very sad. Bear was so kind and dear to me. I will never forget his sweet smile and warm heart. So sorry for your loss.

–Tammy Kelly



Lisa so sorry for your loss. Ricky was a good friend of mine since high school. I just can't believe he is gone. Ricky you will always be in my heart.

–Connie Stroupe



My deepest condolences will keep family in my thoughts and prayers. Rick was a good man and will always be remembered for his kind and loving heart. You couldn’t meet a better man. He was a great friend that will be missed.

–Terri Taylor

So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

–Susan Mace



One of the sweetest men I've known. Prayers for the family! Love ya Bear!

—Michele Day

Rick was a valued employee and a pleasure to work with. I am so sorry for your loss.

—Bob Lambert



I'm so sorry for your loss Good memories

—Windy Powell



Lisa and Family, So sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers. May God comfort you. Debbie, James and Erica

—Debra Fleming

R I P Ricky GOOD GUY GOOD FRIEND MANY YEARS AGO HE LIKEY LOOKIN DOWN ON ME LAUGHIN AT ME TRYIN TO CHEW SOME OF HIS BAC-ER

—thomas ollis



Im glad I got to know you even if for a short time.

—Mike osborne



–Crystal Conner Cogdell

Deepest sympathy.

–Ann Smith