

Terrence Wayne Thompson

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Terrence Wayne Thompson was born January 14, 1955 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and passed away peacefully at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre Monday, May 6, 2013. Terry's parents, Harold & Ethel, predeceased him.

Terry leaves behind to mourn his son, Terry Rigby (Elaine); nephew, Kerry Hunter; 2 half sisters, Annette & Marlene (Glen); 4 step sisters, Carol (Ron), Karen, Penny (Claude) & Val (Keith); and 2 step brothers, Bruce & Herbie. Terry also leaves behind his care giving nurturing friend Joyce Short, and close friend & fellow musician, Marcel (Hook) Scherger, as well as close friend & fellow musician, Jerome (Big Daddy) Newton, all of whom spent time caring for & visiting with Terry in the later years of his life while he struggled & battled his disease. Terry leaves behind many friends who he touched along his journeys including fellow musicians, co workers at Proform Concrete Services of Red Deer and staff & volunteers at The Red deer Regional Hospital Centre. Terry was a kind, affectionate, sensitive and caring individual who could match wits with anyone followed by his infectious, mischievous grin. He loved to cook but his most significant passion was with his music, playing a mean bass, singing harmonies and mingling with fellow musicians. A Memorial Service will be held at Potter's Hands Church, 5202 - 53 Ave. Red Deer, AB on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 4:00 pm.



Messages of Condolence

Terry will be sorely missed. I met him when I was working at the Jolt and Bolt at the Hospital where we introduced him to his "java mocha" I will miss our little chats. No matter how poorly he felt he was always so upbeat. May the peace of our Lord be with him. God Speed Terry. Sing with the angels.

Joanne

— **Joanne Richards**

Terry was one of my most fun and upbeat patients when I worked at the hospital. He always was very kind to the staff and other patients and if one was lucky enough to have his as a room mate, he would always love to share his music with them. RIP Terry. You were a great man and will be sorely missed!

— **Ellen Tischler**

To the family of Terrence Wayne Thompson.

Although I do not know you personally, I thought I would share with you what has comforted me during these times of mourning.

What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?

“If a man die, shall he live again?” asked the man Job long ago. (Job 14:14, King James Version) Perhaps you, too, have wondered about this. How would you feel if you knew that a reunion with your loved ones was possible right here on earth under the best of conditions?

Well, the Bible makes the promise: “Your dead ones will live. . . . They will rise up.” And the Bible also says: “The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it.”—Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29.

To have real confidence in such promises, we need to answer some basic questions: Why do people die? Where are the dead? And how can we be sure they can live again?

Death, and What Happens When We Die

The Bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die. He created the first human pair Adam and Eve, placed them in an earthly paradise called Eden, and instructed them to have children and extend their Paradise home earth wide. They would die only if they disobeyed his instructions.—Genesis 1:28; 2:15-17.

Lacking appreciation for God’s kindness, Adam and Eve did disobey and were made to pay the prescribed penalty. “You [will] return to the ground,” God told Adam, “for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return.” (Genesis 3:19) Before his creation Adam did not exist; he was dust. And for his disobedience, or sin, Adam was sentenced to return to dust, to a state of nonexistence.

Death is thus an absence of life. The Bible draws the contrast: “The wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life.” (Romans 6:23) Showing that

death is a state of total unconsciousness, the Bible says: “For the living are conscious that they will die; but as for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all.” (Ecclesiastes 9:5) When a person dies, the Bible explains: “His spirit goes out, he goes back to his ground; in that day his thoughts do perish.”—Psalm 146:3, 4. However, since only Adam and Eve disobeyed that command in Eden, why do we all die? It is because all of us were born after Adam’s disobedience, and so we all inherited sin and death from him. As the Bible explains: “Through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men.”—Romans 5:12; Job 14:4.

Yet someone may ask: ‘Don’t humans have an immortal soul that survives death?’ Many have taught this, even saying that death is a doorway to another life. But that idea does not come from the Bible. Rather, God’s Word teaches that you are a soul, that your soul is really you, with all your physical and mental qualities. (Genesis 2:7; Jeremiah 2:34; Proverbs 2:10) Also, the Bible says: “The soul that is sinning—it itself will die.” (Ezekiel 18:4) Nowhere does the Bible teach that man has an immortal soul that survives the death of the body.

How Humans Can Live Again

After sin and death entered the world, God revealed that it was his purpose that the dead be restored to life by means of a resurrection. Thus the Bible explains: “Abraham . . . reckoned that God was able to raise [his son Isaac] up even from the dead.” (Hebrews 11:17-19) Abraham’s confidence was not misplaced, for the Bible says of the Almighty: “He is a God, not of the dead, but of the living, for they are all living to him.”—Luke 20:37, 38.

Yes, Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect persons whom he chooses. Jesus Christ himself said: “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”—John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.

Not long after saying this, Jesus met a funeral procession coming out of the

Israelite city of Nain. The dead young man was the only child of a widow. On seeing her extreme grief, Jesus was moved with pity. So, addressing the corpse, he commanded: "Young man, I say to you, Get up!" And the man sat up, and Jesus gave him to his mother.—Luke 7:11-17.

As in the case of that widow, there was also great ecstasy when Jesus visited the home of Jairus, a presiding officer of the Jewish synagogue. His 12-year-old daughter had died. But when Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, he went over to the dead child and said: "Girl, get up!" And she did!—Luke 8:40-56.

Later, Jesus' friend Lazarus died. When Jesus arrived at his home, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Although deeply grieved, his sister Martha expressed hope, saying: "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." But Jesus went to the tomb, ordered the stone to be removed, and called: "Lazarus, come on out!" And he did!—John 11:11-44.

Now think about this: What was Lazarus' condition during those four days he was dead? Lazarus did not say anything about being in a heaven of bliss or a hell of torment, which surely he would have done if he had been there. No, Lazarus was completely unconscious in death and would have remained so until "the resurrection on the last day" if Jesus had not then restored him to life.

It is true that these miracles of Jesus were of only temporary benefit, since those that he resurrected died again. However, he gave proof 1,900 years ago that, with God's power, the dead really can live again! So by his miracles Jesus showed on a small scale what will take place on earth under the Kingdom of God.

When a Loved One Dies

When the enemy death strikes, your grief can be great, even though you may hope in the resurrection. Abraham had faith his wife would live again, yet we read that "Abraham came in to bewail Sarah and to weep over her." (Genesis 23:2) And what about Jesus? When Lazarus died, he "groaned in the spirit and became troubled," and shortly afterward he "gave way to tears." (John 11:33, 35) So, when someone

you love dies, it does not show weakness to cry.

When a child dies, it is particularly hard for the mother. Thus the Bible acknowledges the bitter grief that a mother can feel. (2 Kings 4:27) Of course, it is difficult for the bereaved father as well. "O that I might have died, I myself, instead of you," lamented King David when his son Absalom died.—2 Samuel 18:33.

Yet, because you have confidence in the resurrection, your sorrow will not be unrelenting. As the Bible says, you will "not sorrow just as the rest also do who have no hope." (1 Thessalonians 4:13) Rather, you will draw close to God in prayer, and the Bible promises that "he himself will sustain you."—Psalm 55:22.

— Janine

I met Terry in Grand Forks , BC before he was sick . We met in The Grand Forks Hotel when I worked there , he was so Happy and Positive , a ray of sunshine . We hung around getting to know each other , I watched him play with different people and he would play for me at home , we lived together for a while . I'm going to miss him like everyone !! He touched everyone's heart ! You are with your Parent's , Annette , other family members , friends and my Dad . I Love you Terry !!

— LaVonne Chernoff



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