



Terri Lynn (Smith) Van Buskirk

March 2, 1956 - September 3, 2021

Terri Lynn (Smith) Van Buskirk (65) passed away unexpectedly in her sleep at home on Friday. A lifelong resident of Benicia, Terri will be fondly remembered by many in this community. Terri previously worked at one of the local mini-mart-convenience stores, she will be warmly remembered by her many customers. Prior to that she worked as a school bus driver for many years. She was a member of the Benicia High School class of 1974, and played softball throughout her school years. She graduated from Solano Jr. College with a degree in waste water management. Terri enjoyed camping, crossword puzzles, sports, especially her beloved Giants and Warriors. Known for her passion for Pepsi and Sac's Tasty Hot Dogs, her practical jokes, and her love of family and friends she will truly be missed.

Terri is survived by her children Randy Van Buskirk, Angie (Brian) Collins, and Kristin (Adam) Van Buskirk; her Father Donald Smith, her sisters Trina (David) Beck, Tracy (Joe) Thompson and Tanya (Mark) Mitchell, and her four grandchildren Alberto, Brandon, Anthony, and Joshua along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Joann Smith.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *Terri Lynn (Smith) Van Buskirk*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Oh my gosh.....so many fond memories. I was so a taken back when I saw that Terri had passed, on FB, I was in shock. I've known Terri and sisters for about fifty years, from school, softball at Sanborn field, and Sunday dinners, and swimming at their Grandmas house, or just just hanging out.I always felt very comfortable around the family, what ever we were doing. Terri always had a prank up her sleeve, and we always had a good time, whatever the prank might be, even if it was on you! Even though we were on opposite sides of the softball field, we still had a great time, and were very close friends.
Being included in Terri's family gatherings, will always have a special place in my heart.
God bless you Terri and your entire family. ❤️*

Vikki Tucker - September 18, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Oh my gosh...so many fond memories at the Smith house, Sanborn field, and their Grandmas house, for Sunday dinners and swimming. I've known Terri, and her family for almost 50 years, and could not believe when I read on FB of Terri's passing. Terri always had a prank up her sleeve, and we always had a good time. Some of my fondest memories were on the softball field, as I played on the Jolly Kone team, so we were always rivals, but still good friends. God bless you Terri, prayers for you and your entire family. ❤️*

Vikki Tucker - September 18, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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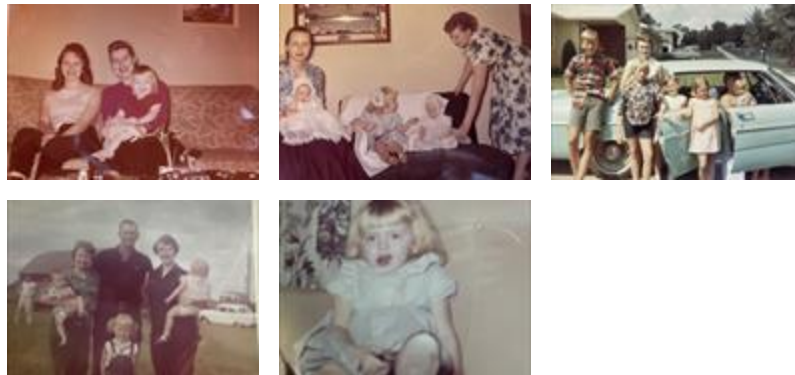
“ I have such fond memories of Terri and all the Smith girls. But I think I saw Terri every single day I worked at my dad's store. Now that's loyalty! She should've asked my dad for a job. Then maybe Trina or Tracy might have gone out with me. Seriously, I am sending all my love and good thoughts to Terri and the whole Smith family.

Terry McInerney

Terry McInerney - September 13, 2021 at 08:05 PM

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Rhonda - September 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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Rhonda - September 12, 2021 at 04:30 PM

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“ When Terri was my first niece I bought her a drum set, boy did I catch hell from her mother, my sister Joann. Butt terri loved the drums. Uncle Doug

uncle doug - September 12, 2021 at 04:29 PM

MH

“ Growing up with the Smiths and Ballengers was a true joy, especially at grandma's house! I've known these families for 52 years! My memories of Terri and Family always revolved around the softball games at Sanborn, RC Cola, Sunflower seeds, massive quantities of food at Grandmas Sunday dinner, Swimming, always a welcome smile and lots of hugs! I can still hear Terri's voice saying "what's up Michelle and how's things going" as she always welcomed me with open arms❤️This family is giant and I have always had the utmost respect for the closeness between them All and the old school mentality that we had all been raised with! I miss those days! Terri was such an inspiration to many, and I looked up to her. She was a Great mom, grandma, and she will be truly missed! Terri was to damn young to leave this world so soon😞My heart goes out to All of Terri's Children and Grand Children, Trina, Tracy, Tanya, and Families, Rhonda (my Best Friend❤️) and Family! I'm Truly Sooo Very SORRY for the Sudden tragic loss of this Beautiful Woman Terri❤️! She's in Grandma, Joanne, and Betty Rae's hands now! RIParidise Terri See you on the other side my friend❤️ Love Michelle and Family

Michelle Hall - September 08, 2021 at 01:14 AM

FF

“ Terri was a friend to many. We played softball for a few yrs together. Heck most if not all of Terri's sisters played, Trina, Tanya & Tracy & cousin Rhonda. It was the very best time of my life. Terri was a extraordinary player, it ran in the family.



Terri will be missed by many & never forgotten. Rest in Peace Terri

Fairy Vezeau, Carvalho, French - September 06, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ My mom and Terri were best friends. Terri was my god mother. We did everything together. Terri's family was our family. Terri and her family always made me feel like part of their family. Some of my favorite childhood memories were with Terri and her family: lake solano, Santa Cruz summers, camping at lake Mendocino... when I lost my mom to cancer, Terri was there for me. She was home. I used to visit as often as I could and chat about old memories about my mom. I'm sure Terri never knew how happy our talks made me feel. I will miss Terri terribly.

Cristina Hamrick - September 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM



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Cristina Hamrick - September 06, 2021 at 01:45 PM

KB

“ As young girls Terri and I were good friends. One time she wanted to go to the movies with a “guy friend “but her mom would not let her unless I went also. She found someone to take me. I didn’t want to go and was scared to death but I went because Terri wanted to go so bad. We weren’t 10 minutes into the show when the guy tried to put his arm around me. I ran all the way back to Gaga’s house. We were 12 years old lol. I didn’t have another date until my 20’s.
Kathy Ballenger

Kathleen ballenger - September 06, 2021 at 12:28 AM

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Angie Collins - September 04, 2021 at 08:24 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Terri Lynn (Smith) Van Buskirk.



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