



## Mrs. Teresa Lynn Perry

January 19, 1955 - June 9, 2020

Funeral services for Teresa “Terrie” Perry, 65, will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at Graefenburg Baptist Church. Rev. Philip Meade will officiate with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 p.m., Friday and 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday at Graefenburg Baptist Church.

Terrie spent her life living in and around Frankfort blessing most everyone she connected with through her gifts of song, selflessness, and love. These qualities were established her early on by her loving and faithful parents, Ed and Betty Taylor, who instilled the values of hard work, family, and above all love of God and neighbor. Starting at a very young age, she balanced working late nights and early mornings on a farm with a long and exemplary career working at the Department of Education for the Commonwealth of KY - all while raising three children with her loving husband of 43 years, Johnny Perry. Needless to say, she was a “doer” in every sense of the word and could always be counted on to be there when you needed her and often at a moment’s notice. Terrie was a lover of music and the arts, she enjoyed making a joyful noise unto the Lord through her singing. God graced Terrie with a beautiful voice and she was noted for this early in life by the music program of Franklin County High School then later in adulthood singing in the choir and performing countless solos in churches and other singing groups she participated in for decades. Terrie’s passion for music could only be eclipsed by the incredibly deep, undying and selfless love of her family. Terrie’s world

was her husband, children, parents, and siblings – but “grandbabies” had her heart. Gamma, as her grandkids affectionally called her, was the CEO of all things fun. She was the queen of Halloween, the ultimate Mrs. Klaus, the bunniest of all Easter bunnies, and the Rachel Ray of delicious homemade recipes especially her soups, party mix, and desserts. She watched movies, spent countless hours playing dolls and cars, read books, told stories, gave invaluable life advice, went swimming and boating, played kickball, and yes even zip lined. The fun, laughter, and love never stopped. And you would never find Gamma missing a birthday party, ballgame, recital, concert, graduation, baptism, or Disney trip. She gave herself willingly again and again so everyone in her family could have life a little better, easier, more fun, more meaningful, and spiritually enriched on a daily basis. Above all, Terrie was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ, believed in the power of prayer and provided a strong spiritual foundation for her immediate and extended family. She was always very active in the church and was a long-standing member of Graefenburg Baptist Church where her contributions were innumerable. Terrie was an incredible blessing to all that knew her and we know that she is joyous beyond measure to be with the Lord and reunited with her husband and father that she so dearly loved and missed.

Terrie is survived by her three children, Laura Avent (Kevin), John Perry III (Rebecca) Emily Ball (Joseph); a brother Eddie Taylor (Judy), a sister Dru Hawkins; five grandchildren, Benjamin Avent, Kayla Avent, Hadley Ball, Ashlynn Ball, Levi Ball and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 43 years, John “Johnny” Perry, and her father Edward L Taylor.

John W. Perry III, Kevin Avent, Joseph Ball, Edward Taylor II, Edward Taylor III, Derek Hawkins, Jared Hawkins, and Aaron Martin will serve as pallbearers. Walton Stodgill and Ben Avent will serve as honorary pallbearers. LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Please visit [www.ljtfuneralhome.com](http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com) to leave the family messages and condolences.



# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Graefenburg Baptist Church  
11288 Frankfort Rd  
Waddy, KY 40076-6031  
(502) 829-5324

## Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Services

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graefenburg Baptist Church



# Tribute Wall

LW

“ I met Teresa while working at the Dept of Educ while there was a Div of Textbooks. She was a very sweet person and a joy to work with. I have fond memories of her and Johnnie. God gained a special angel.

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**Linda Wilhoite** - June 13, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Teresa for over 20 years in the Kentucky Department of Education. Teresa was beautiful inside and out. She was a blessing to many. Teresa was the heart of KDE. Thanks for sharing her with me. I will miss our conversations, texts, phone calls and special projects. Praying for peace comfort for your family. She loved her family so much. 🙏😊

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**lynn mcgowan-mcnear** - June 13, 2020 at 08:21 AM

VD

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of "Terrie" Perry, a gifted and lovely lady. May God comfort and sustain you!

*Bill and Vivian Dawkins*

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**Vivian Dawkins** - June 12, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JJ

“ We have lost a very special lady and dear friend. Terrie was one who exemplified the fruits of the spirit as found in Galatians 5:22, 23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Whether serving with her on a committee, singing in a choir, in a Sunday School class, or just having a conversation, these are the things I observed in Terrie. Praying for her family she loved so dearly. Joyce Jennings

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**Joyce Jennings** - June 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BC

“ Sending prayers to all those who loved this beautiful person, both inside and out.....family, friends and church family.

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**Bonnie Clements** - June 12, 2020 at 06:53 AM

JS

“ John and family, I am sorry for your loss.

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**J. Kelly Strader** - June 11, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TD

“ I will miss you dearly my friend ❤️

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**Tina Drury** - June 11, 2020 at 01:31 PM

GG

“ I sang alongside Teresa in the Capital City Chorale for years, and then got to know her through other activities. She was a kind, talented and compassionate friend. She cared deeply for her family, giving of herself much more than many would. My sympathies to all who were touched by this wonderful person.

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**Gabrielle Gayheart** - June 11, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DH

*Such a wonderful person. She impacted so many. So sorry for the family.*

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**Debbie Hockensmith** - June 12, 2020 at 08:20 AM

TK

*Dru, I am sorry to learn of the death of your sister, Terrie. My condolences to you.*

*Tim Kuryla, DEP retirement class of 2003, Lexington, KY*

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**Timothy Kuryla** - June 12, 2020 at 04:36 PM

AP

*“ I had the honor to work with Teresa for 9 years. Nurturing and kind. Teresa was truly a warm, genuine person who mothered us all, and we were better for knowing her. I am so very sorry for your loss but I thank you for sharing her with us all these years.*

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**Amy Peabody** - June 11, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DH

*“ I have known Teresa only for two or three years, but have learned to appreciate what a kind and giving person she was. I know she worked tirelessly with each commissioner and kept the associates up to date on all we needed to know about the commissioner's office. She will be sorely missed. Prayers for all of her family.*

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**David Horseman** - June 11, 2020 at 09:45 AM

TH

“ I worked with Teresa for over 6 years at KDE. She was part of our Ky family. Her friendly smile and listening skills made our office a wonderful place to work. Teresa also had a great sense of humor and a dry wit. Teresa and the team loved to dress up at Halloween. Denise and I are very saddened to lose a member of our Ky family. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Terry Holliday - June 11, 2020 at 09:40 AM

Rafael  
Hieatt

“ I was lucky enough to work with Teresa and got a chance to see what a great lady she was. Not only was she a coworker she was like my work mother, always caring and checking on me. I will miss her dearly and wanted to extend my sympathies to the family.



Rafael Hieatt - June 10, 2020 at 08:22 PM


SH

“ Dear Family,  
May God comfort you and give you strength as you mourn the incredible loss of sweet Teresa. I will miss our daily talks and will forever cherish every moment I was blessed to spend with such a kind hearted, humble servant of God. She adored and loved you with all her heart and soul. How beautiful heaven must be, home of the happy and free. Rest peacefully beautiful Teresa. You'll forever be in my ❤️. I long for the day we'll meet again. I love you  
Sherry House

Sherry House - June 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM

JS

“ Dear family  
*In my 53 year career I have never worked with a more conscientious, loyal and dedicated person than Teresa. She was so kind and humble. I admired her so much. I am sure you know that she loved and adored you with all her heart. She talked about you all the time. She was a dedicated and loving wife, daughter, mother, grandmother and sister. I will always cherish the time I had with my best friend. I rejoice for her, but her absence here leaves a void that can never be filled. My heart is broken for the grief and pain you are feeling. Prayers for you.*



*Jody Smith*

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**Jody Smith** - June 10, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Teresa was such a dear friend a wonderful colleague. I am incredibly heartbroken and wish there was something I could say to ease your pain. Thank you for sharing her with the Kentucky Department of Education for 33 years -- she worked tirelessly for the Commonwealth, our school districts & our children. She has been an incredible friend who was always there to listen, give guidance and advice. There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't talk to her. She truly made everyone's day better simply just by being in it.*

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**Toni Konz Tatman** - June 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

SP

“ *As a friend of Teresa, I'm just heartbroken at her loss. I know she is singing with the host of angels in heaven and rejoicing at being reunited with her family there. I will miss her so much. Many prayers for comfort during this very difficult time. With deepest sympathy.*

*Susan Palmer*

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**Susan Palmer** - June 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM