



Terry L. Cornell Sr.

February 25, 1937 - December 13, 2015

Terry Cornell Sr., 78, lost his battle with Alzheimer's on December 13, 2015 in Perrysburg at the Waterford Levis Commons. Terry was born in Fremont, Ohio and attended Fremont Ross High School. Terry was always a hard worker, never afraid of a challenge. He was a self-made successful builder and developer. Terry built many homes, apartments and special projects in the greater Toledo area.

He was an avid boater and hunter as well a wildlife conservationist honored by Ducks Unlimited as a Diamond life sponsor. His passion was spending time at his marsh improving wildlife habitat, working on his tractors and gardening. He spent his summers in Harbor Springs Michigan; winters in Florida and fall and spring at the marsh in Ottawa County.

Terry had a larger than life personality who loved to entertain family and friends, always living life to the fullest.

Terry is survived by sons Chris, Terry Jr. (Carol), John, Jim and Kevin (Jenny); daughter Heather (Jim) Schuster, and former wife Mary Cornell; grandchildren Christen, Michael, Caroline, Ashley (Jim) Houghtell, Taylor, Samantha, Maggie, Riley, Anna, Mary, Danielle Schuster, Andy Schuster, Frankie Schuster as well as great-grandchild, Rylie. He is preceded in death by his grandson Ryan Cornell.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Thursday December 17th from 2:00 – 7:00 with a prayer service at 6:30 PM.

Interment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CO

“ Chris Older lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Cornell Sr.



Chris Older - December 22, 2015 at 06:46 AM

CM

“ Love and my condolences to the Cornell family. I have some fun memories of spending time with Terry jr., Carol, and Mr. C....driving us to dinner in his old car in Harbor Springs, eating wonderful dinners at the farm to name a few. What an amazing life this man lived and he lived it to the fullest! My thoughts and prayers are with you all..

Carrie Markwood

carrie markwood - December 19, 2015 at 03:37 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cornell family at the loss of Terry Sr. We hope you find peace in many stories and memories.

*Sincerely,
Matt and Carolyn Petrie*



Matt and Carolyn Petrie - December 17, 2015 at 08:10 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stuard lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Cornell Sr.*



mary stuard - December 17, 2015 at 08:03 PM

PR

“ *Paul Rachow lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Cornell Sr.*



Paul Rachow - December 17, 2015 at 02:12 PM

RW

“ *Rebecca Waller lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Cornell Sr.*



Rebecca Waller - December 17, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sending much love and aloha to the Cornell Family. What a great tribute to the life of Terry you have shared with us through the videos. He was a tremendous grandfather to my son Ryan Cornell and may you two enjoy your eternal reunion in heaven. I will miss you you. Dave & Angela Brown*

Angela Brown - December 17, 2015 at 11:03 AM

“ Terry Cornell, Sr. (1937 - 2015) (News story) Terry Cornell, Sr., a developer primarily of Toledo area apartment complexes, died Sunday in Waterford at Levis Commons, Perrysburg. He was 78. He had Alzheimer's disease, one of his sons, Terry Cornell, Jr., said. Mr. Cornell, who lived in South Toledo, started businesses, most notably Oak Hill Investment LLC, to oversee his developments. OBJECT Many of his apartment complexes, starting in the 1970s, have gone by the name "Oak Hill." Several of his children manage the businesses. He stepped away more than a decade ago, content to farm land he owned in Ottawa County and duck hunt at his nearby marsh. He learned the building business as a young man by working for Henry J. "Jerry" Sawicki, Jr., the late real estate developer, before striking out on his own. Years later, Mr. Cornell and Mr. Sawicki owned and rehabilitated the Lonz Winery on Middle Bass Island before selling it in 1980. Mr. Cornell at first built houses. He later developed office buildings, some commercial projects, and Pier 75, a Maumee River marina south of DiSalle Bridge. Apartments were his mainstay and "propelled him more than anything to be as successful as he was," another one of his sons, Jim Cornell, said. The apartments were "for the average person, clean places reasonable priced," he said. "As long as he could provide that, he could keep them full and make money." His father's proposals on occasion generated controversy and headlines. An apartment complex and expansion on Glendale Avenue in the mid-1970s sparked a public rebellion by city plan commission staff against the planning director and a rebuke by plan commission members against City Council. "He was a driven man and wasn't afraid to take risks, and when he wanted to do something, he gave it his all to get it done," Terry, Jr., said. Added Jim: "He was a very charismatic person. He had a very convincing personality." A boater himself, Mr. Cornell in 1973 was chairman of hydroplane races on the Maumee River at Walbridge Park. He was born Feb. 25, 1937, in Fremont. He attended Ross High School in Fremont. He was formerly married to Mary Cornell. Surviving are sons Chris, Terry, Jr., John, Jim, and Kevin; daughter, Heather Schuster; 13 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Visitation will be from 2-7

p.m. today in the Coyle Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. This is a news story by Mark Zaborney. Contact him at mzaborney@theblade.com or 419-724-6182

Blade - December 17, 2015 at 09:23 AM

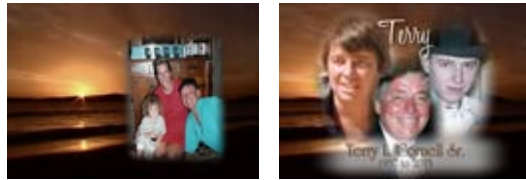
KE

Terry, So sorry for the loss of your father. God bless your Family.

Kelly Ehram - December 26, 2015 at 09:35 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 17, 2015 at 07:52 AM

RS

“ *May God grant all the members of the Cornell family His peace, courage and strength. For the good times. With Kindest Regards, Rosemary*

Rosemary Schramm - December 17, 2015 at 05:17 AM

PA

“ My prayers are with the Cornell family for the loss of Terry. Terry was a person who touched my life in many ways that no one else has...
He was a friend who guided me through many situations with unselfish, unwavering compassion and love.
I will miss that strong, yet gentleness of his.
Your love and laughter will remain in my heart forever.

Paris

PARIS - December 16, 2015 at 09:25 PM

BB

“ To the entire Cornell Family, i am so sorry to learn of Terry Sr's passing. he was a great man and friend to so many and a person i called a friend. his recent struggles are passed him now and he's developing something new in heaven...God Bless Terry Cornell Sr.

Love and light
Bobby Brandon & Family

bob brandon - December 15, 2015 at 07:13 PM

RP

“ Rebecca, Paul & Pat purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Terry L. Cornell Sr..



Rebecca, Paul & Pat - December 15, 2015 at 10:19 AM

DW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences.

David Westmark - December 15, 2015 at 08:01 AM

BB

“ as well as my own father terry taught me that you have to stand behind your choices in life . as my first football coach he made me tough and responsible. terry is a man among men . he will be missed . the impact he had on leading many. my deepest sympathy for the cornell family. i will pray for you and one of my mentors in life. TERRY L CORNELL

Bryan P Brandon - December 15, 2015 at 06:07 AM