



Theresa M Heberling

July 9, 1954 - April 24, 2025

Theresa "Terry" Heberling passed away Thursday April 24, 2025 surrounded by her daughters at Hospice of Northwest Ohio after a brief illness. Terry was born on July 9, 1954 in Akron, Ohio and the family later moved to Sylvania, Ohio where Terry graduated from Sylvania High School in 1972.

On February 22, 1980, Terry met the "undeniable love of her life" Dan Heberling. He was a waiter at Chuck Muer's in Toledo and it was her first day as a hostess. To say he was immediately smitten with the young single mother is an understatement. Dan never wanted to get married, and then he met Terry. Terry was raising two small girls on her own when Dan came into their lives and changed everything. They were married at Oak Openings Metropark on July 17, 1982. Dan formally adopted their two oldest daughters, Jennifer and Kelly in 1983 and in 1986, their final daughter, Alexandra, was born and their family was complete.

In 1994, with the encouragement of her husband Dan and father, Bill Doran, Terry embarked on her next adventure, nursing school. She graduated, third in her class, with an AD in nursing in spring 1999 at the age of 42 and passed her boards the following summer. She started working as a Registered Nurse in the critical care unit at St. Charles Hospital where she stayed for 15 years. After St. Charles, she worked at Lucas County Children's Services in the clinic working with foster children. She formally retired as an RN in January 2020 but still volunteered her time as often as possible, most notably volunteering in COVID clinics to administer the vaccine when it was released in 2021. It was

her dream to be a nurse, just like her mother, and boy, what a nurse she was. Intelligent, knowledgeable, compassionate and funny, she was everything a patient could want in a medical worker. And she loved it.

It is impossible to put into words what Terry meant to her friends and family. A fierce social justice warrior, Terry spent over 25 years volunteering at St Paul's Community Center cooking and serving food to the residents and the community with her glorious smile. A life long Democrat, Terry volunteered for and promoted local progressive candidates, in particular candidates that did not look like her. She was passionately curious and open minded, especially with uplifting and supporting our most vulnerable in the LGBTQ+ community. Terry loved Broadway, she and her husband Dan went to New York City every year specifically to see shows. She recently returned to NYC for the first time since 2019 with two of her daughters and had the time of her life, finally seeing The Lion King which she was waiting to see for 25 years. She and Dan passed on that love of musical theatre to their daughters and the numerous exchange students from all over the world that Terry and Dan hosted in their home since 1992 including Melanie and Uli from Germany and her "little taco" from Mexico, Efren.

Terry will be remembered for her joy of life and travel, her incredible smile, her infectious laugh and her unwavering loyalty. She loved her family and her friends unconditionally and we are truly lost without her.

Terry is survived by the undeniable love of her life Dan, her daughters Jennifer (Kevin) Mall of Streamwood, Il., Kelly (Matt) Sradeja and Alex Heberling of Toledo, and her little taco, Efren (Claudia) Ramirez Farjat of Mexico City, Mexico. Granddaughters, Colleen, Bevan, Erin, Alex, Gricel, Cosette, Radha. Sisters, Laurie (Bob) Pacer, Rk Greening and brother Denny (Katrina) Doran and countless nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Rita Doran and her beloved brother Andy.

Visitation will be Tuesday April 29, 10 :00 am-11:00 am followed by a celebration of life at 11:00 am at Sylvania United Church of Christ 7240 Erie St, Sylvania, OH 43560. Arrangements made by Coyle Funeral Home. In lieu

of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Paul's Community Center and Equality Toledo.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sylvania United Church of Christ
7240 Erie Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Celebration of Life

APR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SE

“ I met Terry at St Charles on SDICU. She was very warm and welcoming as I was new with my students. Her humor and smile made everyone comfortable so that students could learn. She bent over backwards to help students. I am so very sorry to hear of her illness and death. She was such a good person. I will miss hearing from her on FB. Sue Eisel.

sue eisel - May 02, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MH

“ I am so saddened to hear of Terry's passing. I worked with her at LCCS. Lifting her friends and family up in Prater.

MEGAN L HITE - April 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM

PC

“ Laurie and Bob,
You are in our thoughts during this difficult time. The passing of a sibling is a unique loss and you will be in our prayers as you travel this unfamiliar path.
Warmly,
Gary and Pat Corrigan

Patricia Corrigan - April 29, 2025 at 01:21 AM

MM

“ Terry was a joy to work with. She was a tremendous advocate for her patients and fellow staff members. May God's loving arms surround her family and friends during this sad time. Mary McNamara

Mary McNamara - April 27, 2025 at 08:18 PM

PR

“ Terry had the happiest personality. Her laugh and love of life was infectious. She was proud of being an RN and prouder still of her family. I consider myself blessed to have met Terry and enjoyed many good times and campfires together. Condolences to her family.

Pam Roehrig - April 27, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CL

I knew Terry from grade school and we had just recently reconnected when Terry started going to our high school graduating class monthly dinners. We were just getting to know each other again and discovered we have lived all these years only a mile or two apart. RIP dear Terry!

Colleen Leirer - April 28, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Theresa M Heberling.



April 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PM

“ Pat & Pam McLaughlin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theresa M Heberling.



Pat & Pam McLaughlin - April 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa M Heberling.

April 26, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa M Heberling.



April 26, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa M Heberling.

April 26, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ Joyce S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M Heberling.

Joyce S. - April 26, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Maureen M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theresa M Heberling.

Maureen M. - April 26, 2025 at 01:56 PM

MM

“ Terry’s life was filled with so much love, laughter, and joy. I will always remember her bright smile, her generous heart, and the way she made everyone feel welcomed and loved. She created a beautiful life with Dan and her family, filled with adventure, warmth, and simple pleasures — a good glass of wine, a cold beer, a donut, and lots of laughter.

Just before she got sick, Terry and the family came out to visit me in Joshua Tree. We had the best time — laughing, visiting favorite places, and taking lots of photos. It’s a memory I will always cherish. Her spirit was a true gift to everyone who knew her, and her light will stay with us always.



Maureen Morris - April 26, 2025 at 01:53 PM

ES

“ My sympathies to Terry’s family. I will remember her as my American grandmother, so kind and cheerful. So many moments spent with her, how we cooked together, will never be forgotten. Rest in peace.

Elvina Sanakulova - April 26, 2025 at 12:47 AM

MK

“ Terry will always be in our hearts and memories. Uplifting prayers for Terry's family and friends. Your Obituary tells the Beautiful Story of your Mom's life. Uplifting. Love and Sympathy,

Marsha Klein - April 25, 2025 at 09:48 PM

CH

“ My sympathies to Terry's family. Working the front desk at The Gardens of St Francis I was always happy to see Terry when she came in. She always made me laugh. She was so upbeat. I will miss her. Chris

Chris - April 25, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Theresa M Heberling.



April 25, 2025 at 07:56 PM



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CB

“ To all, Terry will be missed. I treasure the memories of her. She was so kind when I came to St. Charles from Mercy after their closing. Always a smile, and what a kind nurse. I am glad she was a part of my life. RIP, my friend.



Cheryl Boldman - April 25, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MA

I have known Terry for more than 30 years. I was lucky to stay with her and her family during my first visit in the states. Ever since I was always welcomed to their house and she came to visit me in Germany. I admire her strength her positive attitude and her determination. She got everything done with a smile. There are so many memories, I will keep in my heart forever. Auf Wiedersehen, Terry!

Melanie Apel - April 25, 2025 at 02:35 PM