



Terrence E. Balk

December 12, 1940 - May 1, 2021

Of Cheektowaga, NY, May 1, 2021, at the age of 80, passed away peacefully. Born December 12, 1940 to the late Earl F. and Adeline (nee Lefler) Balk. Beloved husband of Michelle (nee Gordon) Balk and the former late Joyce Hinds; loving father of Jennifer (R. Jefferey) Joya, Michael (Jennifer) Balk and John (Alice) Balk; cherished grandpa of Christopher, Ashley (Cameron), Heather Joya, Madison and Tyler Balk; great-grandpa of Charlotte Olejniczak; treasured brother-in-law of the late Robert (Karen) Gordon, Donald (Debra) Gordon, late Christopher (Sheila) Gordon, James Gordon, Loretta Gordon, William (Wendy) Gordon, Adam Gordon, and Paul (Tammy) Gordon; also survived by many nieces and nephews. For several years Terry was in sales in the metals industry for Williams Co., then for almost 20 years, he was in the paper distribution industry as a warehouse manager and sales manager for D.J. Mead and Sons, and a district manager for Sofco Mead in Erie, PA and Cleveland, OH. Terry was an avid reader and enjoyed a good spy novel. He also loved playing almost any kind of card game, especially pinochle, euchre or poker. Later in life, when he wasn't watching sports on TV, you would find him doing jigsaw puzzles. Puzzles of 1000 pieces were his favorite. He also loved his dogs, Weiner and Rocky, and the cats Smokey and Cricket. They knew they could find a warm spot in his lap. Terry always cherished and looked forward to spending time with family, good friends, a good card game, a good cigar and a cold beer. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, May 11th, from 3-8 PM at the DANIEL R.

SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (two blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 09:30AM in Resurrection R.C. Church, 130 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga. Please assemble at church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Terry's name to Hospice Buffalo or Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Pursuant to NYS guidelines, face coverings and social distancing is required at both funeral home and church. Occupancy restrictions may delay entry.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

Resurrection RC Church
130 Como Park Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

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“ Terry was a great boss at SOFCO here in Erie. Not a "sit in the office" kind of guy, he worked as hard as anyone. And he hated doing the budget paperwork! We were a "family". I miss the group that was created. You are in my prayers Michelle.

Debra Root (Kopnitsky) - May 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM

PK

“ Michelle, Wonderful memories of Terry flood my mind. Such a kind and happy man. I send you my deepest sympathies and wish I could come to pay my respects.

Pat Kaufman

Patricia Kaufman - May 09, 2021 at 01:34 PM

EG

“ Our deepest sympathy for your lost. Ron and Elaine Garbe

elaine garbe - May 09, 2021 at 07:17 AM

JG

“ I'm going to miss that hearty laugh and great sense of humor



Jim Gordon - May 08, 2021 at 08:11 AM