



Terrie Lynn Houghton

September 22, 1939 - July 29, 2024

Terrie Lynn Houghton, 84, passed away on July 29, 2024 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Terrie was born on September 22, 1939 in Hollywood, California to George Shephard Houghton and Jane (Schoenfeld) Nerpel.

Terrie was a proud Californian who was born and raised in Los Angeles and graduated from Hollywood High School. Her unique memories of growing up in the Lauryl Canyon neighborhood left her with many animated stories which she loved to tell to her family, friends and even strangers. She idolized her daddy, Shep Houghton, who made his living as a movie extra in the early days of film. He also instilled in her a love for the stock market and Costco which she was eager to discuss with anyone who shared in these interests.

Terrie was one of the original hippies. After living in Los Angeles she made her way to the Mojave Desert region where she felt free from the city life. Being in the desert perhaps spurred her love of health food, organic gardening and herbalism. She always had a bottle of different herbs or supplements on hand for every ailment. Reading and jamming out to rock-n-roll with her favorite herb were a couple of her treasured pastimes.

After living in the desert, she made her way to Oklahoma where she reluctantly made a life in a place where she always felt like a fish out of water. Because she had an amazing memory and vivid story telling ability, it was

always her dream to one day write a book to document all of her special experiences.

She was small in size but had an eccentric personality and wasn't shy to speak her mind. Terrie was certainly a one-of-a-kind person like nobody you have ever met-- certainly not like any senior you had met. She passed away surrounded by all of her surviving children, who she was so proud of and loved dearly and who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Shephard Houghton and Jane Schoenfeld; daughter, Mary Ann Atkinson; grandson, Austin Dodd.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories are her sons, Scott Barringer and wife Dawn, Aaron Atkinson and wife Erica; daughters, Jill Bankey – Smith and husband Lyle, Pearl Atkinson and husband Mostafa Belghasem, Mimi Atkinson and Jaren Arterberry; grandchildren, Zachary, Joel and Christian Barringer, Grayson Smith, Briar Atkinson, Bryson and Brody Arterberry, Salma, Asiya and Fatima Belghasem; great grandson, River Dodd; brother, Peter Houghton and wife Bobbi.

She was laid to rest in a private graveside burial at Cheek Cemetery in Lone Grove, Oklahoma.

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LG

“ Sending my condolences to Terrie's family. She was a very dear friend for about 38 years. I am going to miss her so much!

Lisa Garner - August 12, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ I was surprised last night to hear of Terrie's departure. We had visited her father Shep at 102 years old and certainly thought we had additional decades to go. Terrie was a joyful adventurer, we shared several outings together and I enjoyed her many stories. Her favorite memories were of her loving family so I'm glad they were with her to say goodbye.

Eric Hagen - August 11, 2024 at 04:56 PM

Jl

“ My mom shucking oysters wearing her Girl Scout uniform- what a simple and carefree era! Mom, you left a mark on everyone you met with your quirks and kindness.



Jill - August 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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“ I will miss my friend. Even though we both were no longer in the Hood, we kept in touch. She was a wonderful friend, so full of knowledge and advice with many stories to share. Our politics were different but we had a lot in common. And we cared deeply for one another. She was one of the drummers in Hoodsport, WA Drummin' in da Hood drum circle. See you sooner than later Terrie!



Ida - August 02, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JG

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Jeni Gray - August 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JG

“ Terrie walked into my gallery in Hoodsport around 2006 and introduced herself and began telling me her life story. We just hit it off right away and became fast friends for all the years she was on the Hood Canal. She was up for anything, we went to festivals, other towns, shopping. She was delightful, full of fascinating and funny stories. She will be greatly missed.

Jeni Gray - August 02, 2024 at 08:33 AM

JG

“ Terrie was a neighbor of mine in Hoodspport Washington. She came and went several times. She stayed with her father in the neighborhood at Hood Canal. When her father needed her she stayed with him till he passed. She was a wonderful cook. She did have great stories to share about her life adventures. She was only 3 years older than me.
Judy Grove

Judy Grove - August 01, 2024 at 08:24 PM

DF

“ Terrie was a neighbor of mine in Chaperal in Lone Grove. I am so sorry of her passing. My prayers for her family especially Mimi and Brison and Brody.....Diana Fisher

Diana Fisher - August 01, 2024 at 11:48 AM

MA

“ Terrie was our neighbor here in Ardmore and was just as sweet as she could be all the time. I loved remembering her times from California because I grew up there. She will be missed. She was a great friend/neighbor.

Marina - August 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM

ST

“ Terrie & I met & became friends in the late 90s in Ardmore. I was a nurse at the hospital & she was the overnight operator, and their office was just outside my department so I saw her a lot. We hit it off when we discovered we'd both lived in the desert- I in Desert Hot Springs & she lived higher up, near Morongo Valley. She had the greatest stories & was an expert at homeopathic remedies; I never once had an exchange with Terrie that was boring or that I didn't learn something. She was funny, too- some of her stories were hysterical & she'd laugh as much telling them as I would listening. To the family I want to say that I adored your mother & my life is better, I'm better, just for having known her. Her light was so bright & her life was one that was well-lived. □

Stephanie - August 01, 2024 at 01:19 AM

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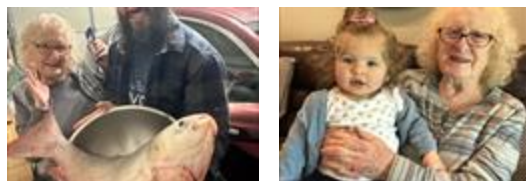
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