



Terri Kay Krauss

January 17, 1963 - January 12, 2025

Terri Kay Krauss passed away on January 12, 2025 at the age of 61. She was born on January 17, 1963 in Charleston, SC to William McCrackin and Karen Elliot. She had five siblings: Bill Elliott, Kelly McCrackin, Steve Elliott, Marci Wise, and Philip Lytle.

Terri graduated from Saint Leo University with a master's degree in psychology. She began her work career as a cashier at Dollar General. With a combination of passion and tireless work ethic, she achieved being the CEO of Five Point Dental Specialist. In her professional life, Terri was a visionary leader that led with compassion, innovation, and determination to make a positive impact.

Terri is survived by her husband, Philipp Krauss, and her beloved dog babies: Franken Beans, Diener DaWeena, and Hazel. She has four children: Robert Valeo II, Erica Parris, Rachel Nemlich, and Alexa Briggs. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren: Colby Parris, Kaylynn Parris, Jayden Nemlich, Ava Nemlich, and McKinzie Briggs.

Beyond her professional and family achievements, Terri was a phenomenal person whose kindness, warmth, and vibrant spirit touched everyone she met. Her generosity knew no bounds, and her infectious laughter and encouraging words were a constant source of comfort and inspiration. As hard as she

worked, she loved celebrating life by spoiling everyone around her, gardening, cooking, and reading Stephen King books.

Terri's life was defined by her unwavering dedication to her family, her trailblazing contributions to the field of dentistry, and her ability to bring light into the lives of all who knew her. As a devoted mother, she provided boundless love, support, and wisdom to her children that shaped their lives with her strength and leadership.

Terri leaves behind a legacy of love, leadership, and a life well-lived. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all whose lives were enriched by her presence.

The family kindly requests sharing stories and pictures of Terri below. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Stand Up to Cancer foundation as a reflection of Terri's fight and commitment to making the world a better place.

Rest in peace, Terri. You will forever remain a true queen in our hearts.

A Celebration of Life for Terri will be planned at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Terri in April of 2018 when we joined Dental 365. She was one of the most incredible people I ever met. She was so embracing when we joined this company. She was amazing, thoughtful and one of the kindest people there was. She will be greatly missed. If anyone ever needed someone to talk to. She was that person. She gave me great guidance in navigating my way. I will always have fond memories of her. She was the real deal. It breaks my heart that she is gone. However, heaven received the best angel there is. I take great comfort in knowing that she will be watching over us from above. We miss and love you forever. My condolences to the family.
Regards Caryn Composanto

Caryn A Composanto - January 29, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JG

“ I'm deeply saddened by the loss of such an incredible person. I was fortunate to have her as a mentor for so many years. Her optimism, infectious smile, and unwavering poise were qualities that left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. I learned so much from her, not only about work but about strength, and how to approach life with grace. It was always a joy to hear her speak about her family, you could feel the pride and love in every word! She was truly a loving, beautiful soul, and her presence will be missed. My heart goes out to her family during this time.

Julianne Grabin - January 29, 2025 at 01:24 PM

ER

“ *Such a loving, kind, intelligent, exuberant soul that will be greatly missed. My words are not up to the quality of the person. We will miss you Terri.*



Erik - January 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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Erica Parris - January 21, 2025 at 05:59 PM

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Erica Parris - January 21, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *My sister’s passing has left an irreplaceable void in our hearts. She was a remarkable woman—a beloved sister, mother, and friend who lived life with unparalleled energy and determination. She touched countless lives with her warmth, wisdom, and compassion.*

She was an accomplished individual, earning her master’s degree later in life and achieving great success in her career—a true testament to her resilience and unwavering commitment to excellence.

But beyond her achievements, she will be remembered most for the profound love she had for her family. Her children were the light of her life, and she devoted herself wholeheartedly to nurturing and guiding them with love and grace.

Her kindness, strength, and boundless love will remain forever etched in our hearts. Though she may no longer walk beside us, her legacy endures in the hearts of those she cherished and in the lives she so deeply influenced.

If you loved Terri, please honor her memory by carrying forward the love and values she so beautifully exemplified. She will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Bill Elliott - January 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Terri's Childhood Photos plus



Bill Elliott - January 21, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ *Sometimes some things are better left unsaid. I can't put into words, on what I'm feeling right now. All I know is, one of the most beautiful human beings, inside and out, has been taken away, way too soon. Terri; you always had my back and all I can say is thank you. Thank you for being who you were, and thank you for leaving an indelible mark in my heart that will never disappear. I don't know what else to say, other than, fly high my angel. Love always- Glenn*

Glenn B. Farrell - January 21, 2025 at 02:17 AM

MZ

“Initially, my mother had worked for Terri. She cleaned Terri’s house, and in my time off from school or work occasionally I would come and help, and in turn met Terri, Philip and their babies, diesel, hazel, and Brutus. After a bit of shy hi and byes, we all started to get a bit closer, my mom decided that the one dog she would love would be their diesel, and I was given the opportunity to dog sit for them, and our lives grew a bit closer. Terri was and will continue to be a source of advice for me for a long time. Her last bit of advice for me was essentially “leave the bad stuff behind and move forward onto bigger and better things” she helped give me clarity in life when I thought I would be down in the dumps, when I thought I was at my lowest. Meeting Terri has helped me get over my shyness more than I could’ve on my own, she has helped me see the brighter side of things. I thank her for being a beacon in some of my darkest ways. Thank you, Mrs Terri Krauss, from Me, and my mother Mayra. Your departure has been one of the biggest shake ups in our lives but you will not be forgotten ever. We will always love you and your family for all the kindness you’ve shown us. We love you.

Marina Zambrano - January 20, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RW

“I lived next door to Terri’s summer home at Lake Texoma. When I had surgery she sent me flowers and brought food upon my arrival home. She had a green thumb. Always the most beautiful plants. Always a smile on her face.

R’honda Wren - January 19, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JG

“ I can't express enough how much Terri meant to me. My life would not be where it is if it weren't for Terri. I first met Terri over 15 years ago in Las Vegas. We worked at the same company and I learned so much from her. Over the years we stayed in contact and she always looked out for me (like she does for everyone she believes in) . As the years went by and the Pandemic happened she was in NY. She reached out to me with an amazing opportunity to work with her again. I have seen things I never would have if it weren't for her. The Statue of Liberty, NYC, Empire State Building and so much more. All because she believed in me. She knew I was struggling without my family when I first got to NY she sent me a care package, gave me enough supplies to basically stock my house before my things got here. Her generosity was immeasurable and she made it so much easier for me and my family . Dinner at her house was always an event the amount she cooked could have fed 20 people when 7 were coming. And if you didn't leave with enough food for a week she felt like she didn't make enough. LOL. Her business sense and sheer knowledge was inspiring. She forgot more than I'll ever know. And one of the greatest things about her was she believed the more she could teach and share the better she could make you. The better you were the more you could be and become. When you became a BFFL she was your biggest cheerleader and advocate. She told you if you messed up but never made you feel bad there was always a pat on the back and you'll get it next time. She was funny as hell and that laugh could get anyone going. I can hear her now "I can't even...." There will be a missing piece in my life without her. When I needed business advice life advice Terri was always one of my calls. When she loved you you knew it and she would literally do anything for you.

Jackie Guy - January 19, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JG

I will miss you Terri so very much and thank you for everything you've done for me. I will never forget you.

Jackie Guy - January 19, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“*Terri and I first connected in 2018 when she was offboarding as a customer with the company I work for. From our very first conversation, I was struck by her fierce spirit, compassionate heart, and unwavering authenticity. She had this incredible ability to be bold and fearless while also showing deep kindness and care — a rare combination that made her unforgettable.*

At the time, I was pregnant with my eldest son, and Terri immediately took it upon herself to spoil him before he even arrived. She thoughtfully sent gifts, and it was one of her outfits that became his first going-home ensemble from the hospital — a gesture that remains close to my heart. She did the same for my second son, showering him with her characteristic generosity and love.

Terri's warmth extended far beyond material gifts. She embodied a spirit of giving that went deeper — offering her time, support, and friendship with an open heart. Her love for her family was palpable and inspiring, and I admired how fiercely she cherished her children, grandchildren, husband, and her beloved pups.

The world has truly lost a force of nature. Terri was a bright light, unapologetically herself in the most beautiful way, and her absence leaves a profound emptiness. She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. May her spirit and her fierce, generous love continue to ripple through the lives of everyone she touched.

Rebecca Asbell - January 19, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KJ

“ *She was an amazing woman. She always treated me like a son. Loving, caring, joyful and always smiling. The world lost a great person.*



I'll always remember the time I was on my cruise and I got a zelle notification from her that said "please enjoy yourself, drinks are on me!" I couldn't do anything but smile.

Rest easy, we'll see you again!!! ❤️❤️❤️

Kenny Jones - January 19, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Where do I begin? One of my favorite things you have ever said to me:*

"I love you too sweetie. I know that sometimes having a safe place to come and talk is super important. Something that really resonated with me is "be the adult you needed when you were a child". It is important that you ALL know you are safe and I will fight for you, support you, and be your #1 fan at all times. I will never fail you."

Erica Parris - January 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM