



Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr.

July 14, 2025

Mr. Lee Russell Terrell, Jr age 82, a resident of Montgomery, AL., passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at a local hospital. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Arrowhead Country Club on September 20, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lee was born on October 23, 1942, in Montgomery, Alabama. He served his country proudly in the United States Army and went on to work as the Chief of Test & Evaluation for the United States Air Force for 32 years at Gunter Annex and then later for another 12 years as a government contractor. Lee was a force in life and a felt presence after his passing. Lee had a kind word for all, a direct look when warranted, and a smile that could break the ice followed by an extended hand of fellowship. His loyalty, when won, was unbreakable and his tenacity knew no bounds. Born in Montgomery, AL., it was to that city he would return to raise his two sons. It was also there that he met the love of his life, Carl Stokes. 36 plus years later, their love maintained and grew and radiated to all, nurturing and building a community of friends and found family. Lee served on the board of MAO for many years. For those who knew Lee, they had the privilege of knowing someone who has been a driving force in the Gunter IT Community. Lee started Montgomery Industry Partners as a gathering of a few people in his office on Friday mornings for coffee and donuts. Over time that half dozen group grew to an extended group of almost 300 people from government and industry alike. Lee was truly one of those people who you could never forget if you met him. His personality was tremendous without being overwhelming.

And whenever he came across someone he didn't know, he was quick to offer his hand in friendship and was the most welcoming man you could imagine. For those of you who may not have known Lee, you missed a one of a kind person. He leaves a gap in our community, and a sense of loss in our hearts. Lee was preceded in death by his son Kevin Brian Terrell. He leaves behind to cherish his memories the love of his life, Carl Stokes, his son Larry Terrell (Dusty), sister Joan Terrell Schade, his loving grandchildren Erin Terrell-DeVore (Tye), Emma Terrell (Alex Noble), and Ezra Terrell, his great-grandchildren Luca & Marley Noble, along with his mother-in-law Brooka Stokes and nieces and nephews and many friends. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Arrowhead Country Club
50 Ocala Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Sonny you were a great friend for the past 60 plus years. Your wit, charm and humor will always be remembered. May you rest in peace. Larry Craft*

Larry Craft - September 21, 2025 at 10:40 AM

HM

“ *Hamid Moinamin purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..*



Hamid Moinamin - September 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM

HM

“ *Hamid Moinamin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..*

Hamid Moinamin - September 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JT

“ *I was happy our paths crossed in business, many dinners, a visit to his beautiful home, and in-depth discussion about life. May God grant repose to Lee's soul and comfort to those left to cherish his memory.*

Jerry Tritle - September 08, 2025 at 05:26 PM

SU

“ *Mr Terrell was a very nice person. He was down to earth and always greeted me with a smile. I work with him as a contractor at Gunter Annex. So sorry to see that he passed. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



Sabrina Law (Civ Retired, USAF) - August 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM

PR

“ *Lee was one of the most professional and distinguished gentleman, as well as one of the best friends a person could hope for. Whether it was a work issue or a personal issue, he was always there to offer his love and support. Even though Lee is gone from this earth, he will forever live in my heart*

Paula Rumsey

Paula Rumsey - July 22, 2025 at 11:34 PM

KH

“ *I met Lee through family. He was very welcoming. He loved some good food. I enjoyed conversation with him. He was a kind soul and will be missed.*

Karen Hamilton - July 20, 2025 at 09:12 AM

AM

“ *I am sorry to hear about the passing of my dear friend Lee! We met many years ago when we both worked at RSIS and kept in touch. Lee and I chatted at least once a month. Lee sent me cards every year for my birthday and Christmas! He was an amazing friend and confidante!
I extend my sincere condolences to Carl and Lee's family!*

ANITA Mitchual - July 20, 2025 at 05:30 AM

AM

“ Anita Mitchual lit a candle in memory of Lee Terrell



Anita Mitchual - July 20, 2025 at 05:21 AM

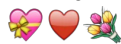
CS

“ I met Lee while serving decades ago on the Board of Montgomery AIDS Outreach. He was a beautiful force of nature. All through the years after, each time our paths crossed, he rushed over with his beautiful smile, an embrace, and lots of questions about what I was up to, how I was doing, and generous compliments about how I looked and how he remembered me. I am fortunate to have met him. He lit up a room.

Carl, your love for each other, and your devotion to Lee through numerous serious medical issues is a testament to cherishing your mate. Would that we all were so fortunate.

Love and condolences,

Cheryl Sabel



Cheryl Sabel - July 19, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..

July 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Sweet & Savory Snacks Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..



July 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Lee and I were friends for almost 40 years and helped each other through some rough patches. Carl, I will miss him and I know you will as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Anne Devereux

Anne Devereux - July 19, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ ANITA MITCHUAL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..

ANITA MITCHUAL - July 18, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ Dear Carl,
Words are not sufficient to describe your loss. Thank you for almost four decades of caring for, loving and supporting Lee/Sonny. Doug and I always cherish your visits to Virginia and DC over these many years. It is our fervent and daily prayer that the Lord is with you in the days/months ahead. Our deepest condolences go out to you, your mom, and to Lee's extended family.
— Tom Bahler & Doug Rosson

Thomas-Kevin Bahler - July 17, 2025 at 11:04 PM

DH

Sorry for your lost Carl! I knew MR. For a short time! But so nice! A very good man!

Darryl Hall - July 19, 2025 at 10:19 AM

WP

“ I met Lee back in the late 80's at Lek's when I was a waiter and trying to finish up college. He'd always wanted me to wait on his table(s). Then one day after I graduated, I went to work for him under an AF contract. He's the biggest heart to all his friends. RIP ol' friend.

Wai Pang - July 17, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DM

“ Dontravious & Matthew purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lee Russell Terrell Jr..



Dontravious & Matthew - July 17, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MM

“ Lee was a loving and kind man. I remember his smile and way of making you smile. I have known him for over 30 years. RIP my friend

marcee moore - July 17, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JM

“ "He was a very good, kind, and thoughtful person. From the moment I met him, he was always a very good person. I will always remember him."

Jose israel Magin - July 16, 2025 at 08:47 PM

JM

“ Jose israel Magin sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Terrell



Jose israel Magin - July 16, 2025 at 02:52 PM

MH

“ Lee loved life, his family and his friends. My first encounter with Lee was during a meeting in which I was a presenting contracting officer, and he was a contractor. He brought the best donuts! I thought..."who is this guy trying to bribe me with donuts???" Well, he didn't bribe me, but became a lifelong friend--that was over 20 years ago. You couldn't help but love him. He was there for me when my husband died, and then again when I remarried. He and Carl supplied the most delicious deserts for my daughter's wedding which everyone raved about. I'll never forget him. Prayers of comfort for you Carl, and the entire family. Marie Hickox

Marie Hickox - July 16, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TK

“ I only met Lee once when he stopped to visit my friend Alonso here in NC. He was such a joyous person to be around, and he listened intently to anything you shared with him. I will never forget him or his response to so much of what we discussed. "Love it". He has often been in my heart and prayers through his illness. I am sure he is now at peace and embracing Carl and the family with his warmth and love.

Tom Koch - July 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JW

“ I can remember when I first met Lee and Carl, their gentle heart and the biggest smile melted my heart. Carl I am praying for your strength, peace and the family. Love you always Jermiah

Jermiah Williams - July 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

GW

“ Lee was our true friend and family since meeting in 1982. The many parties, dinners and travels have given us lifetime memories. A huge part of our hearts are lost and empty. Many prayers for the entire family.

Guy Wallace - July 16, 2025 at 09:07 AM

VC

My sincere condolences to Carl Stokes and the entire family of Lee and yes my heart is broken up on his passing. He was one of a kind. He can never be replaced. I've got so many fond memories of Lee from his travels (he always thought of me) bringing me gifts of which I love I love and cherish so much. I can look around my home and see other decorative things he gave /bought me. If he liked you/he would share with you. I met Lee about 30 years ago and the day I met him, he changed my life forever. We lost a "LEGEND". My family and I are praying for his entire family. We love you Lee. RIP

Verlener Cargill - July 16, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CA

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Carl and Lee's family!! Lee was a walking mile stone for anyone who knew him. He will always be remembered in my heart and prayers!! Loved you BIG Lee!! 🙏❤️😊



Cameron Adams - July 16, 2025 at 07:22 AM

BJ

“ I am so deeply saddened to hear of Lee's passing. He was truly a remarkable man whose warmth, leadership, and wit left an indelible mark on everyone he met.

Though I wasn't an "insider" to the Montgomery Air Force community, Lee's kindness and genuine spirit of fellowship made me feel instantly welcome whenever I visited. His ability to connect people and his unwavering positive presence were truly a hallmark. I will miss him very much. My heartfelt condolences to Carl and all of Lee's family and friends. *Bill James*

Bill James - July 16, 2025 at 03:53 AM

BB

“ Lee was one of the most interesting person I ever met. He was kind and he was fun. I will miss him and Carl, I'm praying for you.

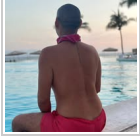
Barbara Bowen

Barbara Bowen - July 15, 2025 at 11:35 PM

CZ

“ Lee loved people, Carl, his family, and friends. He was always reaching out to visitors and trying to connect people across communities. He will be sorely missed.

Carol Zienert - July 15, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ *I had the honor of meeting him in October 2016. Since then, his smile and warmth have lived on in my memory. I have only fond memories of him. Today, I say goodbye to a man whose presence in my life left an indelible mark. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew him, but his legacy of love, kindness, and generosity will live on in us. Rest in peace, and may his memory be a blessing to all.*

With deep love and respect Mizraim

F Cannavaro - July 15, 2025 at 09:37 PM

SR

“ *Words are inadequate to describe the one and only Lee Terrell. My husband Toy and I met him in 1986 at Gunter and worked with him, yet became long time friends. His generosity is unparalleled in supporting and helping others be their best selves. I'll always remember the stories and laughter anytime I was in his space. Carl, I hope the stories and memories bring a measure of comfort in the days ahead. You know that your and Lee's village surrounds you. Rest well, dear friend. You are missed.*

Stacia Robinson - July 15, 2025 at 09:29 PM

KL

“ In my final year of school at AUM - I met the wonderful Carl Stokes in some of our classes and I quickly realized that the only way I was going to get through these last classes and graduate was with help. He so kindly came to my rescue with tutoring and keeping me pushing to the final end. Over time I somewhat gained his trust and told me about Lee - his love of his life and his whole world. It wasn't too long after that I got to meet the man. He was a kind and caring man. Had a gigantic smile and amazing hair. I always told him he looked like he was captain of a giant ship. He was an ear I could tell all my troubles to and give me straight direct answers (even if it wasn't what I wanted to hear but need to hear). Unfortunately at that time I was going through emotional and chemical struggles and I decided to pretty much cut away for a while and lost touch with the family. Fast forward to getting clean and sober for years but I always kept a wonder about what happened to Carl and Lee. I was glad to hear that my mom worked for Alfa like Carl did so I was happy to hear that he achieved everything he talked about in school. Carl, I am so terribly sorry about Lee passing-- there is never enough time and I hope peace will come swiftly...a broken heart takes long to heal. I wish I knew what I could say to give you peace and less pain. I never did get to tell you thanks for helping me graduate...don't know where I would be without your help! I hope peace comes swiftly and will all my love Kiley

Kiley Liles - July 15, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JP

“ I used to manage the StarDome Comedy Club where I met Lee and Carl. We struck up a friendship and kept in touch through the years. The last time we visited was 2 years ago where we met up to see one of his favorite comedians, and we threw him a small party. Oh, the look of surprise and the smile on his face will stick with me forever. My life has been touched and changed due to his kindness and friendship and will always keep him in my heart.



Jessica Prothro - July 15, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ The love he poured into my babies was unmatched! I wish they had a little more time together, but I will be forever grateful for the the bond that they had ❤️



Emma Terrell - July 15, 2025 at 08:41 PM