

# TERRANCE THOMAS SHANNON



Of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Saturday, October 5, at Allegheny General Hospital. He was 66 years old.

Terry was born in Canonsburg, PA, on June 20, 1958, the second son to Charles H. and Betty J. (Thomas) Shannon. He was one of 26 grandchildren to the beloved Anthony and Helen Thomas of Canonsburg; and is survived by his father, Charles H.; his

brothers, Patrick, Jeffrey and Charles T.; and their children and grandchildren.

He attended St. Patrick School through the 5th grade when his family moved to Girard, PA, in 1969. In Girard, Terry attended St. John the Evangelist Parochial School. In 1972, the family returned to the Canonsburg area, settling in Houston, PA. In Houston, Terry attended Chartiers-Houston Jr.-Sr. High School, a member of the much-hyped Bicentennial Class of 1976. From there, he went on to his studies at Penn State University, where he received his Master's Degree in architecture, including studies in Germany, and travel throughout Europe.

Terry wanted to be an architect when he was 15. He practiced architecture for 34 years, 28 years with the same distinguished Pittsburgh firm. Terry was honored to be the managing architect for many new buildings and renovations in the Pittsburgh and northeast Ohio areas, especially for his consecutive projects for The College of Wooster in Ohio. He loved attending performances at Benedum Center in Pittsburgh because, as an intern, he was part of an enthusiastic team of young architects who undertook its restoration. Terry also consulted on a number of projects from Boston to Los Angeles. His projects are his legacy and will stand a long time.

A progressive liberal, Terry admired those who sought enlightenment and those with genuine empathy, the altruistic. He was dubious of traditional values, organized religion, hunting and golf. He was deeply saddened by the haughty pursuit of political, corporate and social position, which he saw all around him.

In all aspects, Terry favored quiet over loud, understatement over spectacle, simple over intellectual, and the well-worn and time-tested over the shiny new object. If you ever felt it your place to tell Terry what to do, he probably stopped returning your calls.

Terry loved dogs and the practice of rescuing dogs. He volunteered at the Western PA Humane Society, near his Pittsburgh home. He was devoted to his own rescue dogs, Clay and Faith.

A Funeral service will be held at St. Patrick Church, 317 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA, on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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