



## Rev. Terry Killingsworth

April 21, 1938 - May 29, 2021

Rev. Terry Killingsworth, also known as Dad, Paw Paw, Brother Terry passed away Saturday, May 29, 2021.

If you knew Terry, you knew his devotion to his Lord & Savior Jesus Christ was of utmost importance in all he did. He knew how to have a good time and how to create a laugh or two, but at the heart his desire was to bring impact for the Kingdom of God into the lives of those who crossed his path.

As the leader of his home, he made sure his family knew Jesus. As a husband, he was devoted, loving, always seeking the best for Janice. As a father, he was loving, he was a man led by the Holy Spirit, teaching his boys how to have a relationship with Jesus, and being a fun father. As a friend, he loved consistently, enjoyed time together, was a friend through all seasons, and encouraged you with his words. He easily said, "I love you" and he meant it. As a minister, he wanted to bring honor and reverence to His Lord Jesus Christ through the message brought in word and song.

Terry was born at home in Headland, Alabama, on April 21, 1938, to Owen Clee & Lilly Belle Killingsworth. He was the youngest of 6 siblings, including his twin sister who he lost at 3 months old. Terry met and married his high school and forever sweetheart, Janice Carolyn Hicks in 1958.

Shortly after getting married, Terry & Janice moved to Denton, Texas, where Terry earned his Bachelor of Music degree from North Texas State University. While in Denton, Terry served his first role as music minister at two small churches: Krum First Baptist & University Baptist. It was during their time here that Terry was invited to sing with the North Texas State acappella choir, Good Will Ambassadors, and travelled with them to Europe as a soloist.

They spent some time in Carrollton, TX, where Terry served as minister of music at First Baptist Church Carrollton.

In 1969, Terry and Janice, and now with 3 boys in tow (Tim, Joe, Todd), moved back to the southeast where Terry served as music minister in several churches over the years: Beallwood Baptist, Columbus, GA (where he later received his ordination as a minister and served as a choral teacher), Highland Avenue Baptist in Montgomery, Alabama, Ruhama Baptist in Birmingham, Alabama, Mabel White Baptist in Macon, Georgia, First Baptist Manchester in Manchester, Georgia. Then he finished out the last 33 years of his ministry in Fayette County Georgia where he served: First Baptist Peachtree City, First Baptist McDonough, Flat Creek Baptist, & after 13 years at Sandy Creek Baptist, he retired from over 60 years as a minister of music in January 2020.

So many lives have been impacted by this one man. So many have a story to tell because they knew Terry Killingsworth. A man of influence. A man of love. A man of laughs. A man who loved his Savior and his family.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Janice Hicks Killingsworth; Sons: Tim Killingsworth and his wife, Lynne of Kennesaw, GA; Joe Killingsworth and his wife, Heather of Milton, GA; Todd Killingsworth and his wife, Amy of Newnan, GA; Grandchildren: Joy Killingsworth Warren (Larry), Amy Claire Killingsworth, Parker Killingsworth, Ben Killingsworth, Sam Killingsworth, Jake

Silvia and Shay Silvia; Great Grandchildren: Jackson Warren, Maddox Warren and Evelyn Warren.

# Cemetery Details

## Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery

Healdland, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
8355 Senoia Road  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
(770) 964-4800  
info@parrottfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandy Creek Baptist Church  
1082 Sandy Creek Road  
Tyrone, GA 30290

# Tribute Wall

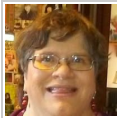


“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Terry Killingsworth*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - June 03, 2021 at 10:38 AM



*I love Terr*

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**Beth Callahan** - June 07, 2021 at 06:08 AM

ST

*Very good tribute to this wonderful man, father, and husband. I know he is missed very much.*

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**Stacey Rice Teal** - July 04, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Hi Janice pray for you and your family*



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**Beth Callahan** - June 05, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Hey. Janice and family  
Praying for you. Terry was such a nice Christian man. And you are too. God bless you.

Beth Callahan - June 04, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



June 04, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ Love & prayers to each of you during this home-going of your precious Dad. He was not only a friend to Stan, he was the man who led him to the Lord. We enjoyed our time singing in the choir at Mabel White with him & being with your family on many occasions. We will pray for all of you during the days to come and know that Jesus will wrap His loving arms around you and hold you close to His heart. Love & blessings. Brenda & Stan Neese

Brenda Neese - June 04, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



June 04, 2021 at 02:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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June 03, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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June 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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June 03, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Willie M Simpson* purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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**Willie M Simpson** - June 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

GD

“ Gary Dennis purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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**Gary Dennis** - June 03, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CW

“ The picture used as heading here is so appropriate: the first thing that comes to mind when I think of Terry is his laugh, then his glorious deep voice. He and Janice blessed our church (FBC Manchester). During their time with us my husband and I were struggling with infertility, so Mother's Day services were painful and we often skipped those Sundays, but for some reason we attended a particular service. The children were given a sible carnation to present to their mothers. After the service, while we were still in the choir loft, Janice handed me here flower with a hug, and said, "You will be a mother one day." Shortly after they left Manchester, we were after to share the news that her prediction was vfulfilled. Little kindnesses like this were a huge part of their ministry.

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**Carol Wallace** - June 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ Lots of love, Ron & Sharon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.

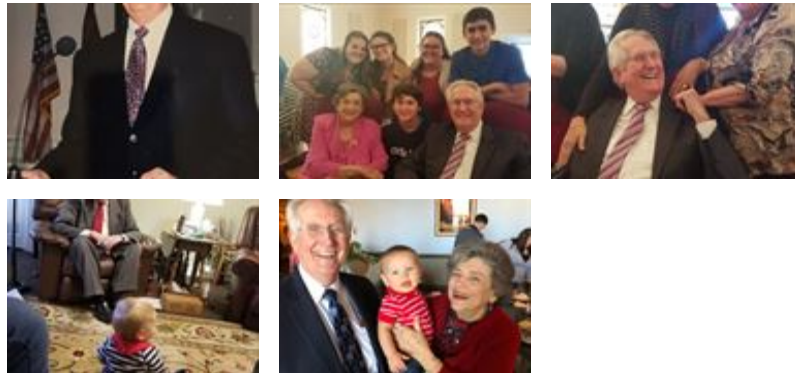


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**Lots of love, Ron & Sharon** - June 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - June 03, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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June 02, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Janice and the family! Terry was such a blessing to all who knew him; and what a wonderful job he did as music minister! He surely heard our LORD'S "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Lifting all the family in my prayers during this difficult time!*

*Connie Bratcher*

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**Connie Bratcher** - June 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



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June 02, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ Terry's smile was always a gift to us all. We will miss him but will see him again.  
Prayers for all the family.

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**Buddy Waldron** - June 02, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ There are literally thousands of memories. I spent many a choir practices from kids to youth to adult and even senior adult. I could resign every musical possible. Was even allowed on youth choir trips long before I was old enough. TK was like a third grandfather to me. Choir trips were always entertaining. That laugh (devilish for sure but with the purest of hearts), his pregnant impersonation, I respected the discipline he brought to music and the enthusiasm for all. I'll never forget him telling me he loved me, heading into one of the toughest battles he ever fought, surgery to save his life. My heart hurts but the memories outweigh all the sad moments we have had this week.

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**Katey "Lewis" Lucas** - June 01, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.*



June 01, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.*



June 01, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.*



June 01, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Brother Terry was an inspiration in more ways than one. I am grateful for him and for all of you.*

**JB Kirk** - June 01, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



June 01, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ Cal and Gilda Cheatham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.



Cal and Gilda Cheatham - May 31, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ It was an honor and blessing to serve with Terry at FBCPTC. He truly helped me grow in my faith and in my first time of ministry service. He will be missed.

Chris Doughty - May 31, 2021 at 06:54 PM

LH

“ *Becky and I have such fond memories of our friendship with Terry and Janice and their boys when he served as Minister of Music at Bellwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga. (1970-72). We will never forget his deep baritone voice as he sang, "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" and his contagious smile and laugh. What a wonderful servant for our Lord. We wish Janice and family the very best as they remember the wonderful times they had with their loving dad and husband.*

*He will be missed.*

*Becky and Leighton Haselgrove  
Peachtree City, Ga*

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**Leighton & Becky Haselgrove** - May 31, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Terry Killingsworth.*



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May 31, 2021 at 01:13 PM



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May 31, 2021 at 11:37 AM

RT

“ Knew Terry well when he was Music Minister at FBC Peachtree City and we were at the Christian Church. That winning smile was his presence and that photo captures his spirit ! We ministers met for breakfast monthly and he and Dr. Allen were usually always among the bunch. I had actually lost touch with where y'all are ant remembering him and you brings back a flood of "good times" had by all! Blessings, Shalom & Selah ! - Rev. Bob Tyler

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**Rev Bob Tyler** - May 31, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ Terry was an advocate of teaching scripture through music to all ages. Such wisdom. He was a kid at heart. We will miss him.

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**Judy Michael** - May 31, 2021 at 10:35 AM

TW

“ Diane and I just loved to hear Rev Terry sing especially when he would hit those deep low notes, tremendous talent. Janice and I worked together for many, many years and we pray that God will bless and comfort Her during this time of loss.

*Tom Windham*

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**Tom Windham** - May 31, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JG

“ It was a blessing to work with Terry for several years at First Baptist, PTC. He made a young youth pastor & his family feel welcome in GA and a part of the ministry team. I enjoyed his honesty and humor, especially when it came to learning about people and ministry. He was a one of a kind and will be missed by many.

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**Jim Garner** - May 31, 2021 at 01:47 AM

DW

“ Loved to hear him sing when he was at First Baptist in Peachtree City.

*Dwight Wilson*

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**Dwight Wilson** - May 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM

JS

“ How I will miss this man! He was my Minister of Music who taught me so much about music, scripture and worship. I will miss his generous spirit, vast knowledge and that “devilish laugh” when he knew he “got cha”. He was everything a servant of the Lord should be, including being human enough to understand the pain of others. My love and prayers go out to the family, especially “Mama” Janice. May He give you peace as you remember all the joys Bro Terry brought to you and others. John and the kids love each of you.

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**John n Lisa Stewart** - May 30, 2021 at 06:31 PM