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Terry Dale Piatt, age 88, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025 at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Terry was born on June 8, 1937 in Moulton, Iowa, the son of Edwin and Eva (Swarts) Piatt. He was always a hard worker. He started earning money picking and selling pickles in Dean, Iowa every morning before walking uphill to school. He earned enough money to buy himself a brand-new car. He learned a lot of his carpentry skills helping his dad, and his mother gave him his love for reading. He would read and consume anything he could get his hands on, but his favorites were history and non-fiction. In middle school, he went to live and work with his oldest sister, Shirley on her dairy farm. He graduated high school at Moulton, Iowa in 1955.

Terry was drafted into the military on May 6, 1957 and spent his time in Germany "when Elvis Presley was there." Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, he worked at the Iowa Southern power plant. He left there to return to his love of farming, with his brother-in-law, Bob Singley and nephew, Rob Singley. Together they raised swine, cattle and cultivated field crops.

Terry found the love of his life, Judith Kay Meeker and married her on September "twenty-tooth" 1985. To this marriage, he gained two daughters, Amy (Roy) Love of Kirksville, Mo and Emily (Kevin Harrell) Daugherty of New Sharron, Iowa.

Pa, as he was lovingly called, adored his grandchildren; Myles (Rachel) Foglesong, Renee (Colton) Snyder, Beth Foglesong, Grace (Cody) Cregeen and Jaxon Love "the quiet one". He was also extra blessed with great grandchildren, Sam Snyder, Riley Snyder, Kasey Snyder, and baby Cregeen (who he teased should be named after him).

Terry is survived by his "beautiful wife"; sisters, Connie White and Donna Young; his brother, Larry (Cheryl) Piatt; and longtime friends and traveling companions, Tom and Diane Bogle. He is known as Uncle Terry to many nieces and nephews.

His upbringing, thirst for knowledge and creative mind made him multi-talented.



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He saw the potential and polished beauty when looking at something in its raw and rough form. He looked at problems as puzzles and was able to fabricate solutions. Because of this mindset, he did beautiful carpentry and woodworking. He was always finding something new to try rather than redoing a house, a sail boat, bee keeping or learning the guitar and banjo. He loved to travel, watch his birds and spend time outside or at a good meal with his family telling stories and imparting wisdom especially to the grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his favorite mother-in-law, Fern Meeker; sisters, Sharon Harris, Dorla Horn, and Shirley (Bob) Singley; a dear nephew, Rob Singley; and brother-in-law, Jerry White.

Pa was known for his quick wit, willingness and ability to visit with anyone. He was sincere in his action and words. He lived his life in service to others, always there to help out and lend a hand. He was a humble man who avoided the spotlight or the acclamations of others. His faithfulness and dedication to family shown in all he did. He always put others ahead of himself with patience, understanding and an even temperament which made him the best husband, parent, role model and grandfather.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 6:00PM, Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville. Visitation will take place at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 4:00PM-6:00PM.

Memorials have been established to either Hospice of Northeast or Judy Piatt for a memorial at a later date, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Piatt Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at <https://www.thomasfh.com> or

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome>.

To view the livestream of Terry's service, please click the link below or visit:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/terry-piatt>



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Thomas Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



October 23 at 4:08 PM



Denise posted:

I knew both Terry and Judy, because I grew up in Moulton . I worked with Judy at ORHC..She was a delight to work with . Laugh a minute and the patients loved her.When she and terry got together , we teased her merciless yes she would need to break him in gently. She was a bubbly, bright light and Terry, although a very sweet wonderful man, he was on the quiet side, quiet shy smile. Different Personalities but o boy look what they did.They have a love story for the ages. Everyone should be lucky enough to have that kind of love. RIP Terry

October 4 at 7:00 PM



Arnie And Carole Snook posted:

Judy, Amy , Emily and family,It was with heavy hearts that we read of Terry's passing. Our dad dearly loved your whole family and treasured the time he spent with them. Terry was like another son to Jim and we look back with gratitude for all Terry (and the rest of you) did for him. We know how much you loved and will miss Terry. We send much love to all of you and special hugs for Judy! Arnie and Carole

October 1 at 7:00 PM



Randy Cragg posted:

Terry was one of the most approachable, friendly conversationalist I have known. His love for my Aunt Judy, Amy, Emily and their families was very evident. Always willing to share his knowledge and experience. Is surely missed but etched in my heart.

September 30 at 7:00 PM



Jerry Power posted:

Our sincere condolences to the entire family. Terry just a great HUMAN BEING, always a real Gentleman, a Military Veteran. I enjoyed many conversations with him. I always admired the way he took care of his wife Judy, may he REST IN PEACE!

September 30 at 7:00 PM



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Kayla Montgomery posted:

Terry was an awesome uncle. His good heart and love for family, immediate and extended was something to be cherished. He was kind, helpful and a member of the family that you knew would always be there for you. He was exceptionally intelligent but didn't flaunt it. If you ever wondered how he knew so much and just out of curiosity you would go to the dictionary or encyclopedia to check it out, there it was almost word for word. It was just Uncle Terry. If he had an idea or suggestion it was presented as "something to think about" he didn't rush you or push you, just "something to think about". He lived his life, good, strong, pure and we all learned by osmosis. Terry was loved by his family and all that knew him. His talents run deep and he was self taught with those many talents. We have lost a legend in our family but his memories will live on for as long as there is someone of us to tell them. He made his way close to his family, great nieces and nephews to great great nieces and nephews. I have a granddaughter that works at Fareway. Terry walked into Fareway one day and said you remind me of my daughter, Amy. (Amy has red hair and so does my granddaughter.) He talked to her for a while and then said, "I bet you don't know who I am". She said, "Yes, I do. You are uncle Terry". He was surprised and pleased. Each time he shopped at Fareway he looked Makenzie up, just to say Hi or maybe for some help to find something. You see Makenzie knew Uncle Terry because she had heard the many stories of kindness and he was not a stranger to her. He oftened talked to me about Makenzie and what a nice young lady she was. Makenzie felt the same about Uncle Terry. Makenzie is Terry's GREAT GREAT niece. This is down the line but there again this is how our family is, we cherish our family. That is the way this family is. He is a legend that will not be forgot and he is loved deeply by many.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

AP

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Terry Dale Piatt posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

September 29 at 7:00 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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