



Teri Lee Fitch Berriman

May 24, 1954 - May 1, 2014

Teri Lee Fitch Berriman, 59 of Springfield and formerly of Winchester entered Heaven's gates Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Hearts on earth were found to be heavy and filled with sorrow, while our loved ones in Heaven shouted with joy. Teri was born, May 24, 1954 in White Hall, the daughter of Dennis E. and Virginia M. Evans Fitch.

Teri grew up on a farm but farm girl she was not – she was the book worm and was called by her family “Miss Brains”. She attended and graduated from North Greene High School in 1972. Teri earned and maintained her licensure as a Registered Nurse from Passavant Memorial Area Hospital School of Nursing on May 29, 1975. Teri then joined the team of caring healthcare professionals at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL, where she worked in various departments, to include the Emergency Department and the Intensive Care Unit. Teri left Memorial Medical Center in 1984 and joined the ranks of Illinois' finest Elder Care professionals on September 30, 1984 when she began her career with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Long Term Care Division. Teri held many positions throughout her nearly 30 year career with the Illinois Department of Public Health, most recently earning the position of Senior Public Service Administrator / Section Chief, Long Term Care Field Operations Special Investigations Unit. Teri had many accomplishments and accolades in her very short time on earth and as a result of her unwavering care and love of her elders; she was inducted into

The National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology in October 2012. Teri enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and especially cherished every moment she had with her four legged companion, Ceaser. Teri also lit up with joy when she was around all of her favorite little two legged friends and taught her "Granddaughter" Lucy Grace Peterson that "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"! She was known to make the finest brownies around. Teri was of the Baptist faith and served her Lord with honor.

Teri married Ralph E. Berriman on April 2, 1977 in Virden, IL and he preceded her in death on August 1, 1995. Teri was the proud Mother of two children Tara Leigh and Phillip Andrew.

Teri is survived by her son, Phillip Berriman (Ashleigh Peterson) of Springfield, IL; sister, Anne (husband, Daniel) Ford of White Hall, IL; brothers, Everette (wife, Sandy) Fitch of Racine, WI, Randy (Eileen Eigenman) of Nauvoo, IL, and Larry (wife, Kathy) Fitch of Rockport, IL; aunt, Dorothy Lou Cox of Winchester, IL; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Teri was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis E. and Virginia M. Fitch; husband, Ralph E. Berriman; daughter, Tara L. Berriman; sister, Sonja K. Hardwick; maternal grandparents, Russell E. and Erma H. Evans; paternal grandparents, James "Bug" and Anna Young; nephews, Richard Fitch, Keivan Ford, Scott and Dennis Crow; and niece, Kensley Ford.

A Celebration and Remembrance of Life will be held at 3 PM Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester, IL followed by a visitation where family will meet with friends from 4-8 PM. Teri loved and supported all men and women in our Armed Forces. The family is requesting that all Service Members in attendance, past and present, assist with celebrating Teri's love and devotion to our Service Members by wearing their serviceable Service Uniforms. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be

made to The Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude's. Teri will be cremated in accordance with her wishes and a private family committal service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Teri Lee Fitch Berriman*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Jeff lit a candle in memory of Teri Lee Fitch Berriman*



Jeff - May 06, 2014 at 11:27 AM



I did not know Teri as well as I would have liked. Her son Phil is my brother in arms and a member of my military family. What I did know of Teri was that she was an absolutely genuine person who loved her family (both blood and military), and one of the nicest people I have ever met. The memories I have of her, from the times I was able to speak to and visit with her, are very fond memories and I will forever cherish them. I know that she loved Phil and he loved her with all of their hearts, and that is not something that should be taken lightly. My heart goes out to you Phil, and to the rest of the family as well. God bless you all.

Jeff - May 06, 2014 at 11:41 AM



“ *I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the (Fitch)Berriman family for the loss of your dear loved one. May your treasured memories and the drawing ever closer to God through prayer begin to bring you the comfort you need during these most difficult days. Isa 25:8, 26:19. 2Cor1:3,4. Rev.21:4*

Stephanie - May 05, 2014 at 11:15 AM

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“ Teri and I took more than a few trips throughout the state together in my brief time working with her. She was my neighbor and I had the chance to walk Roscoe for her at times. She had a hearty laugh, much resilience, little sleep, big hugs and a way about her that I came to deeply appreciate. She so often talked of her love for Philip (and Tara) and her beliefs that there was something for her in the afterlife. There will always be Teri-prints on my heart....in her own words from her last text to me on Christmas Day, "Nitey, nite". Nitey, nite TB, sending my love.....

Tricia Owsley - May 04, 2014 at 06:23 PM

CA

“ I am really lost for words for a wonderful sister-in-law that was taken from all of use at such a young age, honey you will be missed very much. My heart goes out to your family and Phillip who is such a wonderful person that you taught him to be and you should be very proud of that and I know you are. I love you and always will be and now you are with God and the rest of your family and mind, my daddy and my husband, you will be missed so much and I just wish I had the words to give you like you did my daddy, now I will never say good by, I will see you later my wonderful friend and family member, love you <3



Carolyn Alsup - May 03, 2014 at 10:55 PM

LG

“ Lucy Grace sent a virtual gift in memory of Teri Lee Fitch Berriman



Lucy Grace - May 03, 2014 at 10:22 PM

AP

“ *Ashleigh And Lucy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Teri Lee Fitch Berriman*



Ashleigh and Lucy Peterson - May 03, 2014 at 10:20 PM

PB

“ *Phillip Berriman lit a candle in memory of Teri Lee Fitch Berriman*



Phillip Berriman - May 03, 2014 at 10:19 PM