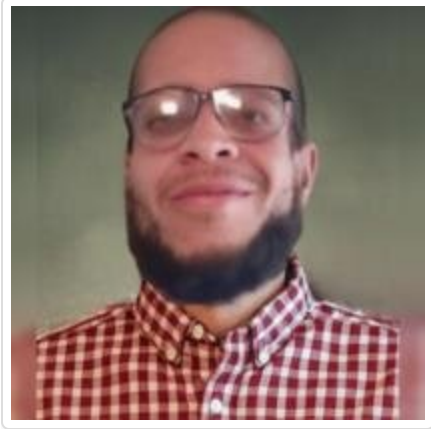




Terrell Lowdermilk

March 14, 1989 - August 13, 2025

Terrell Clayton Lowdermilk, 36, of Chattanooga, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, due to a hit-and-run accident. Terrell was a bright light in the lives of everyone who knew him. He was kindhearted, forgiving, and always ready with a smile that could brighten any room. His sense of humor kept those around him laughing, and his loving spirit touched family and friends alike.

A proud graduate of Ooltewah High School, Terrell never missed a single day of school from 1st through 12th grade. He went on to study at Cleveland State Community College and Chattanooga State. Later, he attended Miller-Motte College in Chattanooga, where he earned his commercial truck driver's license. Truck driving became his passion—it allowed him to see much of the United States, something he cherished deeply. He was even preparing to get his passport so he could begin traveling the world with his mother.

Terrell faced many challenges in life with courage and perseverance. Having struggled with weight as a child, he was finally able to undergo weight-loss surgery as an adult, a milestone that brought him immense joy and new confidence. He often spoke of his dream to own his own truck and start his own trucking business—a dream he was actively working toward.

Family meant everything to Terrell. He spoke with his mother, Cynthia Hayes,

every day, always checking on her health and well-being. He often told her that she deserved to rest, after all the sacrifices she made for him and his brother. He wanted to take care of her the way she took care of them. His grandmother, Gloria Hayes, was another pillar of his life—his source of comfort, counsel, faith, and prayer. His grandfather, the late Clayton Hayes, taught him to stand tall, fight for justice, and never back down when something wasn't right.

Terrell loved his father, Terence Lowdermilk, his brother, Terence C. Lowdermilk, and his uncles deeply. His brother was his lifelong protector and best friend—the two always looking out for one another in the truest bond of brotherhood. His lifelong friend Corey Lewis, whom he loved like another brother, will miss him dearly.

Though Terrell's life was cut tragically short, his legacy of love, laughter, determination, and faith will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Cynthia Hayes; grandmother, Gloria Hayes; father, Terence Lowdermilk; brother, Terence C. Lowdermilk; uncles, Sean Lowdermilk Smith, Demsy Willingham, and Sam Petty; and his close friend, Corey Lewis. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clayton Hayes and Norman "Shirley" Smith.

Terrell will forever be remembered as a son, brother, grandson, cousin, friend, and light to everyone he touched.

Terrell will lie-in-state on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel with Elder Walter Lee Mayweather as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk*



Lera Richmond - August 26, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DB

“ *Dianne Benn lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk*



Dianne Benn - August 24, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SO

“ *Remembering Terrell C Loudermilk Always*



Shelia Oliver - August 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM

SO

“ *Dear cousin I'm so sorry you had to leave us so soon. Your face and smile will truly be missed. Rest in peace dear cousin you will terribly be missed . Love you , cousin Shelia* 🌸🌹🌹💔💔💔

Shelia Oliver - August 23, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SH

“My heart is with you, Cindy. I wish I had the words to take away your pain. Terrell was such a beautiful soul—his smile, his kindness, and the love he carried for his family will never be forgotten. I can only imagine the weight of this loss for you as his mother, and I pray every day that God gives you strength, peace, and comfort. Please know you are not alone—we are here to lift you up, to hold you, and to keep Terrell’s memory alive together. I love you, and I will always love my cousin Terrell 🙏🕊️❤️

Stephania Harris - August 23, 2025 at 08:13 AM

IA

“Condolences to friends and family of Terrell. May God bring you strength and peace during this time.



Ingrid Ashley - August 21, 2025 at 08:28 PM

MO

“I went to school with Terrell and Terrance, they both were so nice and Terrell was always so funny! I'm so sorry for yalls loss and will be praying for you guys! God bless and may He heal your broken hearts.



Monica - August 21, 2025 at 02:05 PM

JJ

“ Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk



Jackie Johnson - August 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MW

“ Melanie Michelle White lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk



Melanie Michelle White - August 21, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TA

“ Terrell was such a beautiful soul. He always carried a smile that brightened every room he walked into. Walter, his cousin, affectionately called him “Glowworm.” Terrell would laugh and ask, “Why did you name me that?” Walt would smile and reply, “Because you were so light-skinned, and your smile lit up the whole room.” ✨

He will truly be missed. Our hearts and prayers are with the family.



With love,
Walter & Teresa Adams

Teresa A Adams - August 20, 2025 at 06:49 PM

GE

Sending hugs to my cousin Gloria Dean and her family. Cindy you, son was amazing. Lead on each other and God's promise. love your cousin in Philly ❤️ 🙏 🚗 🙌

Gloria Evans - August 20, 2025 at 09:24 PM

SA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. I have lots of memories of Terrell, as my student at Ooltewah Middle School. He and his brother, Terence, were fine young men; Terrell more joyful and with a great sense of humor. In addition, I was acquainted with their dad, a former classmate of my daughter's, Darleene. Terrell and Terence exhibited a sense of pride, knowing that their teacher knew their dad during his secondary school years. Though your heart is saddened, I pray that as time progresses and the sting isn't as painful, memories of your life experiences, with Terrell, will bring you joy and peace. May God continue to bless and sustain you.*



Sarah Jones Allen - August 20, 2025 at 05:44 PM

SA

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Sarah Jones Allen - August 20, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terrell Lowdermilk.



August 20, 2025 at 02:11 PM

PM

“ I didn't know Mr. Loudermilk (I'm from up North) but I just read about him in the news. It so touches my heart. He seemed to be such a good and special person. The family and friends have my condolences and prayers. Respectfully, Peggy Manglirawan

Peggy Manglirawan - August 20, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ *The Norris Family, purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Terrell Lowdermilk.*



The Norris Family, - August 20, 2025 at 11:14 AM

CC

“ *Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk*



Cardella F Cummings - August 20, 2025 at 08:41 AM

AD

“ *Loudermilk Family, I am so sorry for your loss and send my deepest condolences and prayers. Terrell was the sweetest classmate way back at Ooltewah Middle. He was always looking out for others. The world lost a bright one.*



Amy Davenport - August 19, 2025 at 08:06 PM

VS

“ *Virginia Smith lit a candle in memory of Terrell Lowdermilk*



Virginia smith - August 19, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DL

“ Praying for you all! 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻



Drucilla Lindsey - August 19, 2025 at 12:34 PM

TP

“ Psalm 34:18 says: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit”. And I’ve found this to be so true in my own grief journey. Continuing to pray for the family.

Tam Peoples - August 19, 2025 at 06:48 AM

TL

“ Terrance and Cindy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Terrell, may God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Praying for the family.

Tony & Demetria (Sookie) Leak - August 18, 2025 at 04:19 PM