



## Rev. Terry Roland VanHorn

October 12, 1952 - December 11, 2024

Reverend Terry Van Horn

Heaven gained an angel and we lost a dear, sweet soul when Reverend Terry Roland Van Horn went to be home with the Lord Wednesday, December 11, 2024. After a long, hard-fought battle against stage-4 pancreatic cancer, Pastor

Terry passed away peacefully in his sleep with his wife, Sabrina, and their two cats by his side at their home in Monroeton.

Pastor Terry was born October 12, 1952 in Bloomsburg, where he grew up and was very active in boy scouts with his dad as a troop leader. He attended Central Columbia High School, where he lettered in bowling and was one of the

first boys to take home economics class. He graduated in 1970, taking a year off, before joining some of his friends at Washington Bible College. One of those

friends was Kay Hirleman, whom he married in 1974. He got a Bachelor of Arts

degree in 1975 and went on to get a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1979.

After graduating, Pastor Terry returned to Maryland to work in public relations and became a professor for Washington Bible College. In 1979, he moved to Lincoln Park, NJ where he became the Pastor of Christian Education and Young

Adults at Jacksonville Chapel. His daughter, Jessica, was born in 1980 and his son, Josh, in 1983. Pastor Terry was in charge of starting a satellite church and moved his family to Budd Lake, NJ where he started the Fellowship Chapel. He and his family moved December 23, 1988 and on Christmas Eve, had an open house at their new home offering communion to church members and others.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he was a member of a Bible Seminar, traveling throughout the United States and Canada teaching about each book of the Bible. Pastor Terry visited Israel several times, taking his son Josh when he was

13. He made many trips to the Soviet Union, taking clothing and other items to the people. He also taught religion classes at Morris County Community College.

From there, Pastor Terry went to Hilltop Presbyterian Church in Mendham, New

Jersey where he was a co-pastor and youth minister. He added a bright and fresh approach to teaching the word of God to both adults and youth. The activities and lessons he introduced help many to grow in knowledge, understanding and spirituality. In addition to preaching and leading the youth, Pastor Terry started a contemporary Christian music ministry, went to the Dominican Republic for missionary work, and led many Bible study groups. It was during the Bible studies that Pastor Terry excelled in explaining the scriptures in detail by delving into the depths and connotations of the passages.

After many years at Hilltop Church, Pastor Terry returned to Pennsylvania to continue working with youth, this time as a mobile therapist for troubled and disadvantaged youth throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties. During this

time he was able to help many children get through difficult situations in their lives. In 2009, he was hired as the pastor of New Albany Baptist Church. He was

an amazing teacher who was very approachable and humble. Pastor Terry's ministry touched and transformed the lives of many people. He also led services

at the Personal Care Home in Towanda and Sullivan Terrace in Dushore, as well

as participating in projects with Hezekiah's Hands.

Pastor Terry loved life and loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed traveling, hiking, biking, skiing, photography, cooking and baking, boating, fishing, and riding motorcycles. He was also very active with You Too Animal Rescue. But more than anything, he loved sharing the word of God. While he had to retire as a mobile therapist in January 2022 when he was first diagnosed

with cancer, he was able to continue preaching into this year. Eventually, he became too weak to give a sermon. Pastor Terry's last message was September

15, 2024 at the New Albany Baptist Church Fall Festival.

Pastor Terry has been reunited with his parents, Joyce Lorraine (Andress) and Roland David Van Horn, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins who had predeceased him. He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his wife Sabrina

(Taylor) Van Horn and son Matthew Taylor; daughter Jessica (Van Horn) and husband Antonio Roman Munguia and their daughter Elliana ; son Joshua Van

Horn and wife Blake; their mother Kay (Hirleman) Van Horn; sister Sharon (Van

Horn) and husband Thomas Walter; brother David Van Horn and wife Colleen; sister-in-law Tiffany Andrews and nephew and niece Liam and Lily Andrews;

as

well as aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Pastor Terry's life will be celebrated Saturday, January 11, at Shiloh Bible Church, 123 Church Street (Almedia) Bloomsburg starting with visitation from 12-1 pm, followed by a service from 1-2 pm with Rev Dr. Douglas H. Lyon presiding. A second celebration will take place Sunday, January 12, at New Albany Baptist Church, 166 main Street, New Albany, beginning with visitation at

12:30 pm, followed by a service with interim Pastor Debra Marker, and lay ministers Richard Houck, Rodney Lee and Sabrina Taylor-Van Horn.

A very special thanks to Jim Bowen of Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York

Ave, Towanda, for all the arrangements and for his many years of service.

It was Pastor Terry's wish, please do not send flowers. Instead, please donate to

You Too Animal Rescue, 90 Shaw Blvd, Monroeton, PA 18832, New Albany Baptist Church, P.O. Box 19, New Albany, PA 18833 or Shiloh Bible Church, 123 Church St. Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Bible Church  
123 Church St.  
Bloomsburg, PA

## Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Bible Church  
123 Church St.  
Bloomsburg, PA

## Visitation

JAN 12. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

New Albany Baptist Church  
166 Main St  
New Albany, PA 18833  
(570) 363-2990

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *This news saddens me deeply. I had the pleasure of having Terry as my youth minister at Hilltop Presbyterian. He was the FUN Rev! Would do absolutely anything for you. I enjoyed camping trips, learning how to drive stick in his jeep and all the conversations we had. I’m a better person for knowing Terry and I know all my peers feel the same.*

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**Morgan** - January 09, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ *My friend we will all miss you very much. You are a light in the darkness.*



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**Steven C Sturdevant** - January 09, 2025 at 07:37 AM

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“ *I’m incredibly grateful for Terry’s encouragement and support when teaching the Bible during our time together in Mendham. His love for Jesus and the Word inspires me to this day. Peace and Blessings to his family.*

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**Roger Franco** - December 17, 2024 at 11:23 AM