



Terri Lisa Freed

October 26, 1946 - August 1, 2020

Terri L. Freed (Margulies) 73, of Green Valley, AZ, died peacefully on August 1st, 2020 in her home from complications of pancreatic cancer. Terri was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, lived much of her adult life in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and relocated to Green Valley in 2007 along with several members of her family for her retirement.

Terri is survived by her son Mark (Amber) of Denver, Colorado; her two twin grandchildren Maxwell Norman and Riley James; sister Myra (Robert) of Tucson; nieces Staci (Todd) of Sahuarita, Merri (Rance) of Austin, Texas; and nephew Fred (Jamie) of Dresher, Pennsylvania. Terri was pre-deceased by her parents Norman and Anne Margulies of Brookhaven, Pennsylvania.

Terri was a life-long educator and administrator dedicated to early childhood development, particularly in reading and writing. She spent over 30 years as an elementary school principal, leading schools in Haddonfield and Audubon, New Jersey, along with in-classroom teaching positions in Moorestown, New Jersey and Mt Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Outside of her career, Terri's greatest love was her family and service. She was a dedicated caretaker to her parents in their later years and a fervent civil servant, volunteering on the Pima County Foster Care Review Board, along with her synagogue Board and Brandeis National Committee chapter in Tucson. Terri shared a zest for life which included her many travels with her family and friends, and she had a tremendous love for the southwestern U.S., the arts including theatre and film.

Terri's positive impact on her fellow educators, staff, parents, and friends was endless. She lived a life of unparalleled professional service and loving personal relationships with everyone she encountered. She was loyal to a fault and conscientious to all those who entered her periphery.

The Freed family would like to thank Rabbi Roman from Green Valley's Beth Shalom for his empathetic dedication to comfort Terri and the entire family throughout this painful time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Terri's honor to Milestones for Maxwell <https://slc6a1connect.kindful.com/?campaign=1080817> , a non-profit led by her daughter-in-law for the benefit of her grandson Maxwell as well as other children affected by a rare neurological disease.

Considering current public health concerns, a service and burial will be limited to family and a small group of friends locally at Evergreen Mortuary and Cemetery, 3015 N Oracle Road in Tucson on August 4th, 2020 at 3:30pm local Arizona time. The ceremony will be available live over Zoom for those unable to attend by clicking here

<https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/92474292422?>

[pwd=dDdRbWUvRk1MTW85M0NJSFBDMkdsUT09](https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/92474292422?pwd=dDdRbWUvRk1MTW85M0NJSFBDMkdsUT09) and the password is 695238. If you would like to dial-in, please dial +1 (669) 219 2599 with a Webinar ID of: 924 7429 2422.

Events

AUG **Graveside Service** 03:30PM

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Evergreen Cemetery

3015 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ, US, 85705

Comments



“ I grew up with Terri and her sister Myra in Chester, and we spent our teen years together. I remember being in her home many times, being fed by her mother and growing up together. I would like to hear from Myra if she is reading this. Some of us from the old Chester group connected on zoom to remember Terri's passing. Sending warm thoughts. Ron Diamond, Middleton Wi.

Ron Diamond - November 16, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ What a privilege it was to spend fifteen years as a classroom teacher with Terri Freed as my principal. She was an extraordinary leader who led by example. She inspired me every day to strive for all that I could give in the classroom to each individual student. Her outstanding contribution to the education of many children cannot be measured.

Sylvia Wilson

Sylvia Wilson - August 20, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss & Teri's illness. Our condolences to the entire family. We send our love to all. May Teri's memory be a blessing. RIP. Ellen & Harold

Ellen & Harold Stesis - August 18, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ I was lucky enough to see some of the most beautiful places on Earth with Terri. Amber, Terri and I cruised Italy, Greece and Turkey, and Terri was right there for all of our traveling shenanigans. We would play the game that if anyone looked down at our hand signal, they were immediately punched. Terri got pretty good at avoiding a glance, but also at putting up the signal so she could punch as well. It was an incredible trip, and I am so glad I got to spend it with such fun, adventurous travel companions.

Katie Nickelson - August 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear of Terri’s death. We live across the street from Terri in Quail Creek, but are away for the summer. Although we did not know her well, we enjoyed our occasional visits with her and exchanging misplaced mail! She was always a kind and generous person who dedicated her time to helping others. Our deepest sympathies to her family.

Laura and Bill Disbrow

Laura Disbrow - August 07, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Mrs Freed was my fourth grade teacher at Mary E Roberts in Moorestown NJ. She was beautiful and sparkly and kind and nothing but positive. I was a lively one and hated school. Had stomach aches every morning but not that year. Prior to Mrs Freed, in my first year in Moorestown, I had Mrs Parker who was my favorite! My first few days of fourth grade I would sneak out of the class to go look for Mrs Parker. But soon enough Mrs Freed became my all time favorite. She adored me and was impressed by my reading skills. But the truth is she saw something special in every student. I loved hearing her talk with such gentleness but positivity. We did all sorts of projects and her classroom was neat and orderly but filled with life and creativity. When I was 22, fresh out of college, Mrs Freed hired me as an assistant. I got to see my precious teacher again. Steadfastly positive. I didn't stay long as an assistant but my sister's children attend Haddonfield schools. When my niece, now 15, was 2 we brought her to meet Mrs Freed. Sadly, Mrs Freed announced she would be moving out west to be closer to her son.

Im saddened to learn of her death and what must have included suffering. She was too good a person to suffer. I'll never forget her love and warmth that meant so much to me and put me at such ease. I wish I could talk to her now as I'm certain she would have such positive things to say about the path I pursued! I love you, Mrs Freed my fourth grade teacher forever! You were one of a kind!

Rachel Gaines - August 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautifully said, Rachel. So kind of you to post this as it is a true representation of Terri and how she made everyone, regardless of age, feel special. Heaven has gained an educator extraordinaire! John Quinesso

John Quinesso - August 06, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ 26 years ago, I served on the committee to interview candidates for the new principal of Central School.

The search was wide and extensive consisting of candidates from near and far – we joked calling it a world-wide search for just the right fit for an administrator in a top-notch school district.

When Terri appeared, we were awestruck. She exuded confidence and poise above and beyond all others. We found our gem. A fourth-grade teacher turned Audubon principal now making her way to Haddonfield and to Central School. The decision was unanimous. If we could have, we would have hired her on the spot! While she would never admit it, I think she knew!

While she was an effective principal, Terri never lost sight of being a teacher. In fact, her passion for teaching and lifelong learning was contagious. She had a remarkable knack for easing the concerns and frustrations of parents, teachers, and students. There were many challenges along the way, however, her gentle, positive approach always resulted in a “win-win” outcome that at the onset seemed almost impossible. In many circumstances where challenges seemed impossible to overcome, she would tell me and probably others, “John, we’re doing the best we can.” And indeed, we were, and we did!

Terri had a profound impact on the District and the lives she touched as principal of Central School and the wider Haddonfield community. We are all so fortunate to have had Terri as a friend. She was more than a colleague.

We are going to miss you, Terri. We are sad that you are no longer here able to enjoy your grandchildren and for them to know what a remarkable human being they had for a grandmother. That alone is a travesty; and to continue to enjoy your retirement, travel, and rewards of your humanitarian efforts. You were taken too soon. Heaven has gained an angel. However, in your absence here on earth, rest assured, that until we meet again, without you here with us, we’re doing the best we can.

John Quinesso - Friend and Colleague - Haddonfield Public Schools, Haddonfield, NJ



John Quinesso - August 05, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Mrs. Freed was a wonderful principle at Central School, and touched the lives of many children, mine included. She was always calm, and exuded control. She will be missed.

Kathryn (née Kurtz) Larsen - August 05, 2020 at 02:06 AM



“ Terry was such a wonderful person, she always made time to talk to me. She was such an upbeat friendly person. She truly cared about all her students, friends and co-workers. After she moved to Arizona we kept in touch by phone calls and holiday cards. She truly was a blessing to have known and worked with all those years. She will be greatly missed. Our hearts to out to you and your family. Janitor in a drum,
John Hollender

John Hollender - August 04, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ I was so lucky that when I decided to be a teacher, I found Terri as a mentor and friend. If you dreamed of the most amazing person to fill those roles, Terri would have been the prototype. She was brilliant, kind, caring, kind, thoughtful, kind, funny, and kind...did I mention kind?!? I use to joke with her about opening our own school, the perfect place to raise our kids. Terri really was everything you'd want in a teacher, a leader, a friend, and a human being. Terri was a gift in every way, so blessed I was able to call her a friend. Godspeed Terri, you will be so very missed!

Laurie Bushey - August 04, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ I was always in awe of Terri. She was remarkable in every way. She was kind and generous with her time - always willing to help and advise. I know she will remain in a special corner of our collective hearts.

Sandra Horwitz - August 04, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ How lucky our children were to get to have Terri as our principal at Central School! We just loved her! I worked with Terri on many PTA projects, and she was 1000% ‘child focused’ and also managed the needs for parents ever-so-delicately - always putting children front and center. She often spoke of the “Central School family”, and she created a beautiful bond between the students, parents, teachers and greater community. She was such a ‘life force’ and whether she was telling us about her beloved family, and the curated books gave to each family member at Thanksgiving each year, or discussing best practices for differentiated learning, her contributions to this world will be remembered and celebrated. We wish her family peace and comfort in the days ahead, and may her memory always be for a blessing.

Judy and Ross Greenberg & Family - August 04, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ Terri was a gift to Haddonfield’s Central School and a blessing to those of us who had children in her school. She was a wonderful caring person. Am blessed to have known her. Barbara Tarditi

Barbara Tarditi - August 04, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Terri was a dear friend and colleague, and an educator in the truest sense of the word. We worked together in Haddonfield, and I always marveled at the way she had of making whomever she was talking to know they were her entire focus. She loved the students Dearly and she was a joy to work with. I’d lost touch with her a while after she moved, but I am so very sad at her passing. She made the world a better place.

Sue Shaw - August 04, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Well Said Sue!

Catherine Emme - August 14, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ How sad I am at the loss of my dear friend, Terri. She was a kind and gentle person who was a dedicated educator who worked tirelessly to help children. I first met her when she became the principal of Mansion Ave. School in Audubon, NJ. We worked together during her time there and became good friends. To know her was to love her. When she moved to Arizona, I was able to visit her there and remained close to her after that via phone calls. Terri loved movies, good television shows and life. Above all, she loved her family - especially her twin grandchildren. So many children benefitted from her love and talents. She will be missed. ~Barbara Bole Williams

Barbara Bole Williams - August 04, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Terri Freed was first and foremost a remarkable person. I had the honor of knowing her and working with her in Haddonfield and I feel blessed To have had her in my life. Terri was an educator who truly understood the needs of all children. She was a loving, compassionate and incredibly effective educator.

Bonni Rubin-Sugarman

Bonni Rubin-Sugarman - August 04, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ I adored Terri. I worked with her at Haddonfield School District. She was so caring and was able to see the good in everyone. She will be missed.

Judy Dorfman - August 04, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ My Dear Sweet Terri,
The world has lost a bright light... yet I know that she has passed her light on to all of us who knew and loved her. She would want us to pick up that light and shine it on all the Children of the World. I am sure she was hoping that someday there will be the best education and care for each and every one of them! She knew that, together, we are their last, best, hope!

Cathy Emme - August 04, 2020 at 02:55 PM



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Cathy Emme - August 04, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ My heart, thoughts and prayers are with Terri and her family. I press pause to reflect on the wonderful and many contributions she made to our community and to so many children throughout her career and volunteerism. I met Terri through our service together on the Southern Arizona Citizen Review Panel and I always appreciated her strong advocacy and support of all children, especially those who were most vulnerable.

Jessica Harrington - August 04, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ I had the pleasure of serving on 2 different boards with Terri, the Foster Care Review Board and the Arizona Citizens Review Panel for foster children. I sought out and respected Terri's opinion on child welfare and especially the education component of care. She became a cherished friend over our 5 years of service together. She will be hugely missed.
Kirk Grugel Short

Kirk Grugel Short - August 04, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Terri's passing. She was such a delightful and caring person. I used to work in the Haddonfield School District and although I didn't work directly with her, she was such a joy to talk to whenever we had a chance.

cynthia page - August 04, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Terri was a very sweet lady, that I am proud to have known, if only for a short period. She had a smile every time I see her even when she was in pain. Rest in piece Terri and thanks for allowing me to know you.
Semper Fi

Charles Allen - August 03, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. We have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Terri, it's hard to pick just one. She was one of the most loving people we know and she always brought a smile to everyone's face. During our trip to Hawaii, we met almost every night by the pool to play cards and have happy hour. We'd laugh at our boys telling their grandparents and Aunt Terri to do silly things. They even referred to Aunt Terri as their second Grandmom. We wish we lived closer so we could've had more time with her but are forever grateful to have had her in our lives.
-Fred, Jaime, Aden and Eli

Jaime Lipson - August 03, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Terri was one of the first women I met when I moved to Quail Creek. We instantly felt a bond and shared our pre retirement experiences in education . We constantly said how inspiring and fun it would have been to work together. We also would go to lunch and share stories of our wonderful children and grandchildren. I feel blessed that we shared time together and send my sympathies to all her family and friends. I will always remember our friendship.

Janet Brown - August 03, 2020 at 06:37 PM