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GULF SHORES, AL – Harold Terry Hearst, Sr., age 78, passed away surrounded by family on Monday, June 17, 2019 in Foley, AL. The third of five children born to the late Harold and Sammie Hearst, in Benton, MS, Terry married Linda Rodgers in Yazoo City, MS, on September 4, 1965. He is survived by his wife, sons Harold (Kim) of North Andover, MA, and Matthew (Amy) of Kansas City, MO, and grandchildren H. Terry III, Francis, Marie, Nathan, Elizabeth and Anna. He also is survived by his siblings, with whom he had yearly “reunion” weekends: Nora Brunson, Jackson, MS; Linda Whittington (Steve), Hazlehurst, MA; Mary Ann Adams (Jim), Paducah, KY; and Michael (Jodi), Atmore, AL, as well as sisters and brother in-law Ruth, Carol and Robert and many nieces and nephews who loved their time visiting Uncle Terry and Aunt Linda in their home.

In 1956, Terry swept a train station in Flora, MS, his first job in a long career in the railroad industry. He drove the school bus to school during his senior year, graduating as valedictorian. When college got in the way of railroad work, Terry left after one year to begin a nearly 30-year career with the Illinois Central Railroad. With increasing responsibilities came moves from

Mississippi to Louisiana to Kentucky to Illinois then Iowa. In his late 40s, Terry left the Illinois Central to pursue a career in railroad management. Named president of the Chicago SouthShore and South Bend freight railroad in Michigan City, IN, in 1990, Terry turned the struggling short-line into a profitable business within three years. He retired from that position in early 2005.

Wherever Terry lived, he made an impact on the community. Moving from Kentucky in 1977, he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the governor. In 2004, he was named Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed upon an Indiana citizen.

A farmer and hunter early in life, Terry later took up deep-sea fishing and golf. He had a hole-in-one at age 75; his latest handicap from the USGA was an 18.8. Recently, he became the family cook, taking over for his talented wife after she decided she had cooked enough in her life. His love of dachshunds was legendary. Gertie, Pokey, Randolph, William and Patty are all playing with Pa in heaven now.

Integrity is the word to describe Terry in business. As a friend, loyal. As a husband, father, and grandfather, a protector. Often said of Terry: "A finer man has never walked the face of this earth."

A memorial will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to All About Dogs Coastal Rescue, a 501(c)(3) charity, P.O. Box 476, Magnolia Springs, AL 36555 or allaboutdogscr@gmail.com.

Private Memorial Service

ARRANGEMENTS ARE ENTRUSTED TO CASON FUNERAL SERVICE IN
FOLEY ALABAMA

Tribute Wall



“ Terry was a great friend and a greater man. RIP.

Jim and Cathy Matuszak

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