



***JOE TERRY MOORE***  
1949 - December 24, 2025

Joe Terry Moore of McCalla, age 76, passed away on Dec. 24, 2025. His high school sweetheart and wife of 54 years, Beth (Pate), was by his side as he entered into eternal rest.

With the exception of a few years spent living in South Florida, Terry was a lifelong resident of his Sweet Home Alabama. He was a simple man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life ... the view from a tree stand as mist settled over a greenfield at daybreak, the excitement of watching college football on a Saturday afternoon, the comfort of a long nap with his dog.

Before retirement, Terry was a master technician for Crown Automobile and worked exclusively on Mercedes Benz vehicles. He had a sharp mind for details and trained many technicians. Throughout his life, he was that friend you called when you needed something fixed or figured out. Any neighbor will tell you, when Terry gave you his word, it was as good as done. An honorable man, he regarded a handshake as a promise that should never be broken. His patience even extended into challenging moments while trying to set up a contrarian, pull-behind camper at sunset.

In addition to his beloved wife, Beth, Terry is survived by his only child, Pamela Sparks (Brad), of Houston, TX, and his only grandchild, Caleb, a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Terry would commonly tell friends and strangers alike that the best thing that ever happened to him was his daughter and grandson. Both were with him in his final days and hours, and he repeated his nickname for Caleb ("Hero") as he started to fade from this Earth.

Terry is survived also by family members – nieces Tammy Dyer Griffith and Michelle Tally (Kenny), nephews David Stapp and Wade Dyer (Charlene), brother-in-law Kenneth Pate (Brenda). In recent years, neighbors in his small community have become like family. His surviving friends dating back to childhood are too numerous to count.

Terry is preceded in death by his mother and father, Annie Mae & Amos Moore; sister Diane and her husband Chuck Stapp, sister Flo Ann and her husband Bill Dyer, sister Marsha Kay Davis; and nephew Stephen Dyer.

A profound tragedy of Terry's passing includes the death of his donated kidney, which he lovingly nicknamed Trey (because it was his third kidney). In 2016 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Terry was blessed with a new lease on life, and 9½ years after transplantation, Trey never gave up on Terry.

Terry would want you to think of good memories of him when you sip a perfect cup of hot coffee, when an old EmmyLou Harris song comes on the radio, or when a fighter jet flies overhead (because his grandson was supposed to take him for a ride one day). When his crystal blue eyes closed on Earth, they opened to see his Savior Jesus in Heaven.

To honor Terry's memory, donations are welcome to Vanderbilt University Medical Center (designate your gift to the Kidney Transplant Program) and the Alabama Kidney Foundation. Please also consider becoming an organ donor.