



Terry Gorman Fries

July 31, 1936 - September 20, 2025

Terry Gorman Fries, 89, of Salisbury, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at his residence. He was born on July 31, 1936, in Rowan County, the son of the late Rudyard Kipling Fries and the late Agnes Marie Whitley Fries.

Terry was the owner/operator of Fries Color TV Service and was the Director of Ellis Park until his retirement. He was a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and a member of The Gideons International. He was instrumental in acquiring the Ellis School Property to become Ellis Park. He was also involved in starting the coach pitch little league baseball at the park. Mr. Fries was an outstanding baseball player in his own right, he played on the Spencer High School and Spencer American Legion Teams. He played in the Yadkin Valley and Stan Musial baseball leagues. He also played Industrial League and church softball.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Chris Fries. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 70 years, Sheila Cain Fries, son Todd Fries of Gold Hill, daughter, Robin F. Taylor (Keith) of Salisbury, daughter-in-law, Kelli Fries of Salisbury, grandchildren, Seth Taylor (Kelly), Hillarie Fries, Tyson Fries (Nicole), Rachel Smith (Patrick), Colton Fries (Miranda), Corey Fries (Courtney), and Eight great-grandchildren

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 10:30am-12:00pm at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow at 12:00pm with the Rev. Jim Matthews and the Rev. Kris Mares

officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International, PO Box 140800, ^[L]_[SEP]
Nashville, TN 37214-0800.

Online condolences may be left at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Fries family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church Cemetery

4520 Old Mocksville Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt Tabor United Methodist Church
4520 Old Mocksville Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144-9088
(704) 633-7484

Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM.

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

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“*Sheila, I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Kay Harviel - September 24, 2025 at 09:27 PM

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“*I just wanted to say how much it's been an HONOR to have had Terry in our family's life. He has always shown great love and compassion. To Shelia, Todd Robin and family what deep love I have for you all. . Please accept my condolences. God bless you and keep you. To Sis, (Kelli), Colton & Corey I love you too. I'm always here anytime you need me.*”

Susan Pegram Lowman - September 24, 2025 at 12:04 PM

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“*Terry was such a good Christian man! I always admired Terry for his commitment to his Church, Family and Community. As Lu said he was gentle in spirit and always willing to lend a helping hand. I have many fond memories of playing softball with Terry, Chris and Keith! My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.*”

R Durham - September 23, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“*Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Terry Gorman Fries.*”



September 22, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry Gorman Fries.

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Terry Gorman Fries.



September 22, 2025 at 01:03 PM



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“ Shelia and Family please accept my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry I can't be there tomorrow. Terry meant a lot to me and my family during our time at Ellis Park. He could always be counted on when I needed his support or advice. RIP my Friend.

Allen Oliver - September 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry Gorman Fries.

September 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Gorman Fries.*



September 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Terry was a wonderful person. Both he and Sheila mean so much to me. They have always been there for all who needed a helping hand, a pat on the back, a smile, and reassuring and uplifting words based on biblical inspiration and truth. Terry will always be an integral part of Mt. Tabor Church. His selflessness, gentle spirit, and love of the Lord will continue to be a foundational block in the future growth of the church. May God continue to hold Sheila and the entire family in His comforting arms. All my love and sympathy. Lu*

Lu Graham - September 22, 2025 at 11:07 AM



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