

Terry's Eulogy

People in the Fox Valley have only known Terry Petric for just a little over 5 years. Looking at Terry Petric's character; these traits come shining through. Wouldn't you agree that his ...

- Sense of humor
- Calm demeanor
- His positive attitude

... come right to mind for all of us?

I too, have known Terry Petric for a little over 5 years. When we first met, his 22 year old looks for his 34 year old age were impressive. We met in California when Terry received a scholarship from the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America. Imagine, here was a 34 year old man, married, 2 children; from Minnesota (AY), starting over. Just finishing college, beginning a new career, ready to become a golf course superintendent.

That was when we met, now how we met. You know what they say about every successful man — there is a woman. Fortunately for all of us, Katie was out there in California with him. I had approached the group of 5 national scholarship winners and blurted out, "Anyone looking for a job?" They all stood there, shyly looking at one another. No one said a word. That was when Katie poked Terry so hard he stepped forward and said, "I guess I will be when I finish school this spring." We met, and the rest is history. Terry became our loyal assistant for the next 4 years at St. Charles Country Club. Terry became head superintendent at Spartan Meadows. He lived his dream.

Sense of Humor

Terry had the ability to laugh at himself and he could help others laugh, too. Terry's left eye was a prosthesis. He lost it to cancer almost 7 years ago. Can't you see him laying on the gurney, "Now doc, when you put me under I'm not going to be able to remind you which eye to take. How about putting an 'X' over this one. I'd sure hate to wake up and find out you made a mistake." While playing golf, Terry's favorite line to distract the opponent, "Let's play the next hole with one eye closed. I'll bet I can beat you!"

Calm Demeanor

Laid back — great fishing stories. This is not to be confused with sluffing off or laziness; rather a self-assured approach to getting things done properly. Terry spoke often in terms: "Let's get it done right the first time. We're only going to do this once." Or — "Calm down, Pete. It will still be there tomorrow." So there you have it, a great sense of humor, calm demeanor, competitive, athletic.

A Great Attitude

Put it all together, along with being a great family man and friend, and you probably realize that Terry's attitude was always on the plus side. I really don't think Terry bothered anyone with his problems. His greatest asset was his ability to help others better understand what they were doing, how best to do it, and then move on to the next thing. My relationship with Terry went full circle, the student became the teacher. I've learned a lot from my friend Terry. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to tell you so today!

Thank You.

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