



## Terry P. Warnke

September 20, 1938 - September 4, 2014

### WARNKE, TERRY P.

Terry Porter Warnke, professional engineer and former owner of Piano Source, died after a brief but courageous battle with leukemia on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Terry was born on September 20, 1938, in Michigan City, Indiana, to Vera and Larry Warnke and grew up on a rural farm in La Porte, Indiana. He graduated salutatorian from La Porte High School in 1956. He continued his education at Purdue University and received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering. He played clarinet in the Purdue marching band throughout college, where the band played each year at the Indianapolis 500 opening ceremonies. In 1960, he married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Cumerford. Following graduation, they moved to Albuquerque, NM, and Terry worked at Sandia National Laboratories. From there, he worked at Kodak in Rochester, New York on the lunar orbiter program plotting Apollo landing sites on the moon. Terry and Cheryl returned to New Mexico, where he joined Public Service Company of New Mexico in 1969 as a special project engineer. Terry was an exceptional engineer, rising to District Vice President of PNM, owning two engineering firms and traveling the world. He served as PNM's division manager in Deming, NM, from 1971 to 1974, and then moved to Farmington to oversee the construction and operation of San Juan Generating station as plant manager and then District Vice President. He continued his interest in power plant operations, managing a power plant in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. Upon return

to New Mexico, he worked as Manager of Electrical Engineering at Bridgers & Paxton, sharing his wealth of knowledge and experience in electrical design and management. After retirement, he continued to do consulting and design for various projects with other engineers. He was a devoted member of Sandia Baptist Church and was an integral part of the electrical design and installation of the adult ministries renovation project. Unfortunately, his premature death did not allow him to see the completion of his dedication and service to this project. Terry was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Cheryl. He is survived by his three children, daughters Julie Leitner (John) and Laurie Gilliland; son, Scott Warnke (Leanne Potts), and six grandchildren, Lauren Matheny, Logan Matheny, Elizabeth Gilliland, Christopher Gilliland, Lucinda Warnke and Jackson Warnke. Other survivors include one sister, Marcia Camp (Tom – deceased); two brothers, Bruce Warnke (Marye) and Paul Warnke (Sue); nieces and nephews and numerous extended family and friends. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014 at FRENCH - University, 1111 University Blvd. NE. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Sandia Baptist Church, 9429 Constitution Ave NE. A private interment will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Adult Facility Ministry Fund at Sandia Baptist Church, 9429 Constitution Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. Please visit our online guestbook for Terry at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com)

FRENCH - University

1111 University Blvd. NE

505-843-6333

# Cemetery Details

## Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University )  
1111 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 843-6333  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (MT)

Sandia Baptist Church  
9429 Constitution Ave NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences for your loss from the Palmateer Family. Terry and Cheryl were the best neighbors and friends we could have hoped for, for more than 20 years, to our parents/grandparents. Terry will be missed dearly by all. Your family is in our prayers as you grieve your loss and celebrate his eternal homecoming.*

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**Kris Hampton** - September 17, 2014 at 02:08 PM

JB

“ *It seemed every time I said Terry, it was followed by Cheryl like all one word. I am so sorry, Scott, Julie and Laurie, that you have now lost your Dad. He was such a rock. Wiling to be whatever Cheryl asked at Piano Source from a hula dancer to a cheerleader! We had happy times. God bless you as you go through the sorrow of saying goodbye. We will meet again!*

*Love to you all*

*Judy and Jim Boren*

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**Judy Boren** - September 12, 2014 at 06:24 PM

KH

“ *Marsha & Family: Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*God Bless.*

*Karen Harmon*

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**karen harmon** - September 12, 2014 at 03:24 PM

BJ

“ Terry and Cheryl.....close friends for so many years.....Cheryl in our loving Delta Zeta group and Terry winning at the bridge table. You will be missed by many! Loving thoughts to your children and grandchildren. Betty Jones, Lisa Ashcraft family and Betsy Argeanas family.

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**Betty Jones** - September 10, 2014 at 07:04 PM



“ Eternal Memories was purchased for the family of Terry P. Warnke.



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September 10, 2014 at 03:29 PM

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“ As always in places and times like these - words do not seem to come easily - even though each of us realize that our life's journeys will take us to both happy and sad places we just do not know when we will arrive. May each of you be comforted by God's saving graces and promises that we will each be with one another again and that there is a place called heaven with no pain - no sorrow only beautiful and loving thoughts, highways of gold, with the angels singing on high, " a place called paradise". Each of you hold a special place in my heart and you will each be in my thoughts and prayers for the coming days. Thank you for sharing your family with myself and my mom - the years together were so wonderful and the memories will be etched in our hearts forever. As for my Dad, Joe, he held your Dad (Terry) in the highest regard and was so proud to be a part of his team at the San Juan Generating Station. I think they coined the phrase "blue ribbon crew", Life will be forever changed but know in your hearts that your Dad touched the lives of so many people and that included the Walker family.  
Love, Julie and Betty Walker

Julie - September 10, 2014 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Terry P. Warnke.



Children's Hospital of Wisconsin - September 10, 2014 at 10:52 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Terry P. Warnke.*



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September 10, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ *Dearest Julie, John and family, We were are so very grateful for having had the opportunity to spend precious time with your beloved dad and granddad. He played his role as a wild west saloon patron like an expert at our New Years Eve Mystery night....but what tickled us most over the years was watching him in his role as loving father and grandfather to you, Lauren and Logan. We know you miss him terribly but are hopeful that your wonderful memories sustain you through these tough times! Much Love ~ The Gee's*

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**Erin Gee** - September 10, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Stephanie Dyck** - September 09, 2014 at 04:26 PM