



Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice

April 21, 1953 - March 8, 2016

Terry Arneil Choice entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia, S.C.. Born in Sumter County on April 21, 1953, he was the oldest of two children born to Dorothy Pringle Choice and the late Ernest Choice.

He was a lifelong member of Union Baptist Church where he served in many capacities throughout his lifetime including: Trustee, Usher, Choir Member, Royal Ambassador and wherever his gifts and talents were needed.

He was a graduate of historic Scott's Branch High School in the Class of 1970. Terry was a bus driver, band member (tuba player) and he played football.

After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country for over twenty years until his honorable retirement in 1991 as a Master Sergeant. He served in the Vietnam War, Thailand and Wyoming, retiring at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. During his military tenure, he received numerous awards: the Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation, Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Service, Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service and the Humanitarian Service Award. Upon retiring he attended Leo College of Sumter. Mr. Choice was employed by Central Carolina as a security guard and worked at Bosch and

International Paper Corporations.

Terry was introduced to his wife, Okereda, by a family member and a spark was lit. After a year of dating, they united in marriage on April 23, 1975 and began their married life in Charleston, S. C. where they were stationed for ten years, at Charleston Air Force Base. One of the highlights was living in Turkey, where he was stationed for two years. Terry and Okereda were married a total of forty years. To this loving union five children were blended into a beautiful and loving family: Michael, Sonja, Terry “ Neil “ Choice II, Tenika and Mariah. After retirement, in his spare time he was an avid fan of drag racing and enjoyed listening to R&B and gospel music.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his beloved wife of forty years, Okereda Bowman Choice of the home; two sons, Michael Bowman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Terry “Neil” Choice, II of Sumter; three daughters, Sonja and her companion Christopher Holliday of Sumter, Tenika Choice of Lexington , S.C. and Mariah Sanseverino of Sumter; five grandchildren: Christopher, Davon, Tavia, Taleiya and Emerie; his loving mother Dorothy Pringle Choice of Summerton, S.C.; a brother Ernest A. Choice of Summerton, S.C.; a sister, Ruby Miller of Union, N.J. and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Previous Events

Family Visitation

MAR **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Homegoing Service

MAR **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Orangehill AME Church
3035 South Kings Hwy.
Wedgefield, SC 29168

Tribute Wall



“ *Huline & Lee Goodman lit a candle in memory of Terry Choice* ”



Huline & Lee Goodman - July 13, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice* ”

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Tenika Choice lit a candle in memory of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice* ”



tenika choice - April 23, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Missing you everyday* ” 📄



tenika choice - December 27, 2017 at 01:22 AM

Tenika Choice

“ Happy Birthday Dad! Today just wasn't the same without you...love you and miss you so much..Always on my mind..FOREVER in my heart! Love Always -Boo Boo

Tenika Choice - April 21, 2016 at 09:16 PM

Tenika Choice

“ Tenika Choice lit a candle in memory of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice



Tenika Choice - March 24, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice.



March 14, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ Ella Smith Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice



Ella Smith Jenkins - March 14, 2016 at 09:20 AM

EJ

“ To Okereda and all of the Choice Family...Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time.

Ella 'Darlean' Smith Jenkins

Ella Smith Jenkins - March 14, 2016 at 09:18 AM

RJ

“ Terry and I graduated together in the Class of 1970 from Scott's Branch High School. He has been my friend for many years. I grew up in St Paul S.C. and I must say he was truly a funny guy, always made me laugh even when he wanted to be serious. I have known this loving family for many years and his Mom, Mrs. Choice was my favorite high school teacher. She raised her boys to be very respectable men and that he was. My condolences to the entire family and may God bless each of you abundantly in Terry's absent. RIP my friend.



Roni Johnson - March 14, 2016 at 08:46 AM

Roy
Williams

“ The Williams Family



Roy Williams - March 14, 2016 at 07:11 AM

Tenika
Choice

“ *Today has been the hardest day of my life. We were all there to tell you how much we love you! You will always and forever be missed but you will live on through us! Take your rest pop and i know you will be watching and looking out as you always have. Love always - boo boo-*

Tenika Choice - March 13, 2016 at 11:42 PM

Tenika
Choice

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tenika Choice - March 13, 2016 at 11:38 PM

YC

“ *On behalf of the Baltimore Pringle's, please accept our heartfelt condolences in the passing of our cousin, Terry. Terry loved his family. That was evident at the family reunions. In particular, we remember the hospitality he showed us at his home - the good food, fun, and laughter.*

May our Lord bless and comfort you and the family during this time of grief.

*With Love,
Renee Pringle Cotton*

yvonne cotton - March 13, 2016 at 11:35 PM



“ I know this day is to come for everyone , but just didn't think your time would be now! God knows best and gives the toughest battles to the strongest but me and the girls love you and you will be missed!



Mariah Sanseverino - March 13, 2016 at 08:40 PM



“ *Thelma Reed & John Kimbrell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice.*



Thelma Reed & John Kimbrell - March 13, 2016 at 05:41 PM



“ *Thelma Reed lit a candle in memory of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice*

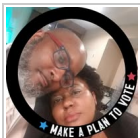


Thelma Reed - March 13, 2016 at 04:42 PM

CE

“ Okereda and family, PM Dorothy, and Bro Ernest and Diane Choice, I was sorry hear about Terry. We will all have our day. Whenever I would see him, he would always greet me with what's up PE. He was letting me know that I was member of his group. He loved his family. I know he thanked God for the Air Force and what it did for him and his family. A good way to remember Terry is to love each other and work hard to achieve the great things that God and life have to offer. Be strong Family and Terry get your rest. From Carl and Dee Epps, Charleston, South Carolina.

Carl and Dee Epps - March 13, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ First give God all the glory!!! From what I can remember bout terry, he always had a smile on his face, he enjoyed entertaining me and my cousins whenever we was together! Wish I cud have spent more time with him, but I know he is in a better place... We will miss you cousin!!! Love you...



Daminion Brown - March 13, 2016 at 10:44 AM

TC

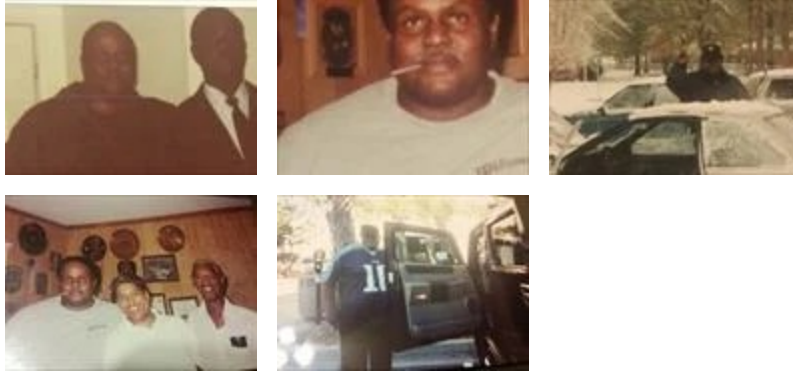
“ Tenika Choice lit a candle in memory of Ret.- MSGT Terry Arneil Choice



Tenika Choice - March 13, 2016 at 12:12 AM

TC

“ We love you so much Dad!!



Tenika Choice - March 13, 2016 at 12:05 AM

PB

“ Every time me and my sister Doris came down, we knew that our room was ready. It was the best hotel in South Carolina. We had over four meals a day and the run of the house. Terry would take us to the market to get items we really didn't need, they tell us to look in the freezer and take one of the hams or hunk of beef back home when we leave. That was Terry, always giving and never asking for any thing in return. I will miss our visits and early morning talks with Terry while waiting for Okereda to come home from work. Rest in peace, cuz, no more doctors, medicines or aches and pains. You're with our Father now in you brand new body. Love always, Patrice Pringle Brown

Patrice Brown - March 12, 2016 at 07:25 PM

AM

“ Arnett Madison-Edmond lit a candle in memory of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice



Arnett Madison-Edmond - March 12, 2016 at 05:56 PM

TP

“ *The family of Rosa Lee and Johnnie Pringle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ret.-MSGT Terry Arneil Choice.*



The family of Rosa Lee and Johnnie Pringle - March 12, 2016
at 11:24 AM

MF

“ 🌹🌹 *Terry and I were members of Scott's Branch High School graduating class of 1970. My deepest sympathy to the entire family!. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My God bless each and everyone of you. Mattie (Ragin) Fagan*

Mattie (Ragin) Fagan - March 11, 2016 at 07:39 PM

JR

“ I wish to extend my Sympathies to the Choice and Bowman Families on the Death of their Love One, Master Sargent (Msgt.), Terry Arnell Choice.

I did not know Mr Choice but he is a Fellow Veteran of the United States Armed Forces. The limited information in the Sumter Item Obituaries doesn't say what branch of the Armed Forces Mr. Choice was in but he is a fellow Veteran. I am a Veteran of the United States Army. I know Mr. Choice's Brother, Ernest Choice, His Wife, and his Mother Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Choice. I just found out that his Wife is the Sister of a Fellow Classmate of 1964, Lionel Bowman, Jr.

So Long Master Sargent Terry Choice. I Salute You and May God Have Your Room Already Reserved, Waiting for you.

God Bless Master Sargent Terry Choice and The Choice and Bowman Families.

*Yours Truly,
Joseph Richburg
Sumter, SC*

Joseph Richburg - March 10, 2016 at 09:01 PM

LN

“ DEAR OKEREDA AND THE CHOICE FAMILY;
TERRY WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED AS A KIND,JOVIAL,
COMPASSIONATE ,WELL MANNERED -- SOUTHERN
GENTLEMAN:
REST IN PEACE !
LEON & VIRGINIA RICHBURG & FAMILY

LEON N.RICHBURG,SR - March 10, 2016 at 12:52 PM