



William Terrell Grissop

February 5, 1941 - January 25, 2026

William Terrell Grissop, 84, widower of the late Barbara Ann Stewart Grissop passed away Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Born in Greenville, he was the son of the late William Franklin Grissop and Woodie Sellers Landreth. Mr. Grissop served in the US Marine Corps. Reserves and was a member of Renfrew Baptist Church. William worked for many years as a lineman with Southern Bell until his retirement. After his retirement he remained active in heritage and community organizations, including Sons of Confederate Veterans, Ferguson's SC Artillery, and the Palmetto Battalion. He was a founder of the Museum and Library of Confederate History, and also contributed to local history efforts through his involvement with the Travelers Rest Historical Society and shared his time and service to others as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

Surviving are one daughter: Kimberly Paige Grissop; one son: John William Grissop (Jennifer); one granddaughter: Jordan Grissop (Nathan Finley); and two grandsons: Jackson Grissop (Lorraine) and Luke Grissop.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, February 15th, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Locust Hill Baptist Church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bibles for India, C/O Renfrew Baptist Church, 951 Geer Hwy, Travelers Rest, SC 29690, or Samaritans Purse, 801 Bamboo Rd., Boone, NC 28607

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Cemetery Details

Locust Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

5534 Locust Hill Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ Well I knew and worked with him for a lot of years and climbed several thousand telephone poles all over the upstate of South Carolina in all kinds of weather with him. I'm sorry that I just found out that he's gone. I will miss him.

Adna Craigo - April 08 at 02:54 PM

VJ

“ Terry was my cousin and I'll never forget the camping trips he took me on at 12 years of age, and later in life the discussions we had about the value of Southern history, the Confederacy, and that scoundrel called Abraham Lincoln. We would often disagree about theological topics such as free will and the five points of Calvinism. I love you Terry and your pain is over now that you are with your blessed Savior. Victor Strozier

Victor L. Strozier Jr. - March 26 at 04:45 PM

WM

“ I attend Renfrew Baptist Church and I have always admired Terrell. He had a strong faith, loved the Lord, always honored our country, loved his family and he was very special too many. Use to love hear him sing and read the Christmas story. I will miss him.

wanda Marseglia - February 11 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Such sweet memories of after church pool gatherings at Terry and Barbara's house with close family friends. And hearing Terry sing... what a gift! I remember that beautiful deep voice belting out "Beulah Land." Now his faith has been made sight and he no longer has to "long for that country." Praying for you all, Kimberly and John.

Julie Dickert Fisher - February 02 at 08:17 AM

PS

“ Terry, a fellow member of my church, introduced me to backpacking on a hike through the Smokies when I was 14. That trip sparked an interest in the national parks and hiking that lasted all my life. He also told me interesting tales of his service in the Marine Corps. Either directly or indirectly he helped me shape my goals in life. I later joined the Marines and served 12 years. I next became a career national park ranger, serving 24 years. Through it all I've been a lifelong hiker/backpacker due to Terry's influence. I'm sad to hear of passing.

Philip Swartz - January 30 at 04:41 PM

SM

“ Worked with Terry many years at Southern Bell and Bellsouth. He was a gentle giant who always showed respect and a man of deep thought and a Christian brother.

Steve Mccrary - January 29 at 09:29 AM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of William Grissop



Pat Hawkins - January 28 at 10:26 PM

KD

“ I will never forget coming home from school one day to find General Robert E. Lee riding his horse down my driveway. Or going to the state museum on a field trip and commenting on a civil war canon that it looked like Mr. Grissops and then hitting the button for info about it and seeing Mr. Grissop himself pop up on the screen to talk about it. I have many fond memories of growing up down the street from such an interesting man.

Kayla Darnell - January 28 at 09:08 PM

TF

“ We are heartbroken to learn of Terry's passing. He was an amazing man--a solid Christian, a respected historian, and influential in our lives. But we know we will see him again when we all join our Lord.

The Sheen Family - January 28 at 07:38 PM

HS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



H Sheen - January 28 at 07:30 PM

KG

Pokey & I had the pleasure of worshipping with Terry at Renfrew! Terry was a very intelligent man and could tell you anything about the Confederacy that you might want to know!!! Terry sang in the choir with us and we all enjoyed his singing he had such a smooth base voice!! We once went to a concert with him & Mrs Barbara to see some ladies who sang Celtic music!! We all had a love for that style of music! We will miss Terry but we know where he is so we will see him & his beautiful wife again! To the family thank you for sharing Terry with us at Renfrew.... He will be missed!

Kathy Green - February 12 at 08:10 PM

DM

“ When I first built my House in 1996 on Willis Road, I came outside one sunny day to see Terry riding a white horse with his Sons of confederacy coat. And hat on ,, with his white beard I thought I was looking at Robert E Lee ,, except I knew RELee wasn't as Burly of a man as Terry was!! He was the reason I joined the sons of confederate Veterans! He was a Great Guy that donated a lot of his time!!

Dennis McGee - January 28 at 01:11 PM

JS

I remember the day that Terry left to go to Parris Island. I was twelve years old, and I thought he was the bravest person I had ever seen. I still have the letters that he sent me while he was away. He will always hold a special place in my heart

Jeanene Swartz - January 28 at 07:13 PM

JJ

“ We will always have fond memories of Terry and Barbara....*Philippians 1:21*

Joann S Jones - January 28 at 12:46 PM

DE

“ *praying for the family. dellavaughn*

dellavaughn - January 28 at 12:41 PM

MP

“ *A good man, that will be greatly missed*

mark petty - January 28 at 12:30 PM



“ *Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of
William Grissop*



Nancy Lance - January 28 at 11:23 AM