



Dr Terrell Alden Thomson M.D.

October 14, 1949 - July 6, 2019

Dr. Terrell Alden Thomson, M.D., Ph.D., FACP passed from this earth on 6 July 2019. He was born 14 October 1949 in Salt Lake City, Utah to J. Alden and Jean Peterson Thomson. He spent his childhood and teen years in the Cottonwood area of Salt Lake City.

He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Ireland. Terry graduated from Olympus High School in Salt Lake, received his B.S. and M.S. from Brigham Young University, his Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University and his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia. He did an Internal Medicine residency at Maricopa County Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona and was awarded the “Distinguished Resident of the Year.” In 1986, he moved with his family to American Fork, UT and went into practice with Dr. Dale Greenwood. He practiced Internal Medicine for 29 years, retiring in 2015.

Terry met his wife, Debra Jane Leslie, at BYU and they married on October 11, 1975 in the Los Angeles LDS Temple. They are blessed with five sons, James (Camilla) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Preston (Melissa) of Laguna Beach, CA; Jeff (Kelsy) of Gilbert, AZ; Matthew (Keira) of Eagle Mountain, UT; and Nathan (Mayra) of American Fork, UT. Terry is the proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren, Jay, Leslie, Ashley, Carter, Sawyer, Beckett, Ledger, Mason, Ryker, Blake, Tate, Libby, Jace, Finley with a new grandchild to come in January.

Terry is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loves the gospel and especially loved studying the Book of Mormon and Book of Mormon geography. He served in many callings in the church including bishop and stake high councilman, but his favorite callings were as scout master and gospel doctrine teacher. He was a scout master 4 different times taking his scouts twice on a 50 miler through the Uinta Mountains, a place he loved. He loved the youth and loved the scouting program. He is an Eagle Scout. He loved studying the scriptures and delighted in teaching the lessons in gospel doctrine each Sunday.

Terry loves the mountains around Northern Utah. During his high school years, he climbed every peak in the Salt Lake Valley. After High School graduation, he and his friend, Dave Rabiger, climbed the Grand Teton. Inexperienced and a little over confident in their abilities, they said they would have died if a climbing club hadn't come along and helped them across the glacier. Neither of them knew how to use an ice axe and they were wearing construction hard hats as their climbing helmets. Nevertheless, they made it to the summit and were always proud of that accomplishment.

Terry loved education and actively engaged in lifelong learning. The library was a once a week trip for him. He preferred a book to anything digital. He ended each day by reading a book and watching old movies. His favorite music was Marty Robbins and the Irish Tenors.

Terry was never sad that he went to school for so many years. He enjoyed the challenges of medicine and loved his patients. He was in practiced Internal Medicine and later, he joined the Tri-City Medical group in American Fork. He was a hospitalist at American Fork Hospital where he was honored on their Wall of Honor.

Terry loves his family. He was diligent in teaching them as they grew. He loved to take them fishing. He loved baseball and football. He coached his older boys and made himself available as a team doctor to the high school for all his boys so he could be on the side lines of the games. He was diligent in teaching them about cars. Terry loved cars. During his lifetime he bought and sold over 52 cars. Most were cars he bought and restored. He worked with each son to restore a car to drive when they turned 16. He loved to build and taught his sons about electricity, plumbing, carpentry and irrigation systems. A favorite expression of his was, "if they dig enough ditches, they will go to college!" He was right! When the boys ask to have a swimming pool, he went and bought 5 shovels. He told them as soon as the hole was dug, he would have it installed.

Terry did not enjoy traveling very much, but humored his wife and went on many vacation trips including Hawaii, Europe, the Caribbean and Mexico. He loved to fish in Alaska. He took his boys on fishing adventures to parts of the Alaska wilds.

Terry is a caring, loving husband, father, grandfather and son. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and sister. He spent the last two years fighting Alzheimer's disease. In spite of the disease, he fought it with dignity and acceptance. He was cared for by his wife, Debbie, and the loving staff of the Highland Glen Memory Care. He will be missed by his family. His sense of humor will live on in all of us as we remember his one liners and subtle humor.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the American Fork East Stake Center located at 825 East 500 North, American Fork, Utah. Viewing will be prior to the services from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Washington City Cemetery in Washington, Utah.

Tribute Wall

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“ I also had the privilege of working with Dr. Thomson. He always treated the staff wonderful and his patient's as well. He never made them feel rushed and always listened to concerns. He never made us feel inferior as nurses and considered are opinions. He will truly be missed.

Sheri Gali - July 11, 2019 at 08:18 PM

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“ I also had the opportunity to work with Dr. Thomson at American Fork Hospital. He was always kind to us nurses and would listen to us and our ideas and concerns. He was always kind and compassionate to his patients and their families. So grateful for him! Carrie Gause

Carrie Gause - July 11, 2019 at 12:52 AM

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“ Dr Thomson was fun to work and play with. When my 94 year old mother-in-law came to live with us, my first choice for a physician for her was Dr Thomson. He was so sweet and gentle with her. My husband and his brothers were so grateful for his care.

Ann Topham - July 10, 2019 at 09:12 PM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Dr Thomson at the American Fork Hospital. Always caring, kind and thoughtful. The knowledge and expertise blessed and healed many individuals. I'm sorry for your great loss and may Heavenly Father bless you all during a difficult time.
Maddy as he knew me. (Madeleine Shelley)

Madeleine Shelley - July 09, 2019 at 11:46 PM

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“ He was our absolute favorite doctor...of all time. We were sad when he left private practice and went to the hospital full time. We did NOT want to have to find a new doctor! We will never forget how kind and gentle he was while taking care of us! He always spent time listening and explaining. He made you feel like you were his only patients! That personal and loving touch meant the world to us! We also appreciated his humor! While getting an injection to numb a part of my leg, without thinking and because I was used to talking to 4 small children all day, I found myself saying “Owie” as Dr Thomson gave me the shot. With a grin on his face, he paused and looked at me and said “Owie?!” Then he started to laugh. At first I was embarrassed that my mom voice had slipped that out but hearing him laugh made me laugh too...I never felt any pain after that. Being able to laugh with your doctor is special! Our daughter was also blessed to help care for him in his final year of life. Oh how she loved “Terry”. She did not know him as the kind doctor we did but she knew how amazing and kind and gentle he was as she got to know his family and him. She felt it an honor to care for him at this time. To sum it up best—He was a good man and a GREAT doctor! Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Thomson family especially his sweet wife Debbie! We love Dr Thomson!

Holly & Michael Kidd - July 09, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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