



## Terry Purcell

March 4, 1940 - December 12, 2006

Terry L. Purcell, 66, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Terry was born in Garden City KS March 4, 1940 the son of Leonard and Amy (Fogleman) Purcell. He grew up in Ulysses KS. He graduated from Emporia State University, Vanderbilt University and University of Tennessee earning respectively his BS, Masters and PhD in Physics. Terry did his research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He married Betty Hatcher, May 26, 1962 in Lawrence. He retired as Director of Institutional Research at Pittsburg State University. Survivors include his wife, Betty Purcell, Topeka; daughter, Danielle and husband, Scott Gadow, Columbia SC; grandchildren, Ryan, KatieLynn and Victor; sister, Jeanette Harold, Kissimmee FL; uncle, Ray and wife Earline Fogleman, Ulysses KS. He was preceded in death by his parents. Family will greet friends at 10 a.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will follow visitation at the funeral home at 11 a.m. In Ulysses KS a visitation and service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Grant County Funeral Home, 218 S Main St, Ulysses KS 67880. Burial will follow the service at the Ulysses Cemetery. Family request that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Research) to work towards a cure for this devastating disease.

# Tribute Wall



“ Terry Purcell

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Betty, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband. He sounds like quite a guy. You and Terry had been married about a week longer than Bob and I. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy

Kathy Lukens Mellor - December 21, 2006 at 10:22 AM



“ To members of the Purcell family:

*I just today learned of your loss and as a friend and former class mate, felt like I should let you know you are in our thoughts.*

*Terry and I shared numerous upper level classes at KSTC from Bill Cloud, Bill Glass and Alvin Rusk. I recall Betty well -- Terry and I frequently worked optics problems late Sunday evening after his date with Betty. I think I took Modern Physics with Terry's sister Jeanette (from Winston Cram) and she graded my College Physics papers (1959-60). As I recall Jeanette went to Peabody and Terry went to Vanderbilt. I taught at KSTC for three years in the mid 60's and had forgotten that Terry returned there also.*

*I have been in the Physics Department at Auburn University for 35 years and plan to make 40 years.*

*Again we are sorry for your loss.*

*Marllin L. Simon*

Marllin L. Simon - December 20, 2006 at 05:25 PM

CC

“ Betty, may our Lord bless you and comfort you at this time. Carol Culp

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**Carol Hargrove Culp** - December 19, 2006 at 05:28 PM

RP

“ Betty, We are in joy with you that your husband is with our LORD Jesus Christ. The Loss of one so close is sad from an earthly viewpoint, but in heaven he has found PEACE. May GOD give you comfort in his lack of discomfort.

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**Ray & Vicki Pendleton** - December 19, 2006 at 04:57 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear about Terry. I know there is nothing anyone can say but you are in our prayers

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**Jack Ellis** - December 19, 2006 at 10:44 AM

RB

“ Betty,

*Our prayers have been with you during this trying time. Know that Craig and I are here for you. Love to you and the kids, Roselie*

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**Roselie Bentley** - December 13, 2006 at 06:09 PM

BP

“ Dear Betty,

*My deepest condolences to you on Terry's passing. You have been an inspiration to all as you have provided Terry with such loving care during the many years of his illness. I hope the many fond memories of the times you have shared provide you with comfort and support as you grieve his passing.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bert Patrick*

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**Bert Patrick** - December 13, 2006 at 11:45 AM

TC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You both have been an inspiration. Sincerely, Terry Carney*

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**Terry Carney** - December 13, 2006 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ *Dear Betty, I am so sorry Terry will no longer be by your side. Always keep keep in mind, YOU and HE put up the good fight and if not for you he could not have done it for so long. We will miss our classmate and friend. It just will not seem the same with him. Prayers and Hugs Martha Smith-Kennedy*

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**Martha Smith-Kennedy** - December 12, 2006 at 11:35 PM

LB

“ *Dear Betty,  
May God be with you and your family during this sad time. I appreciate you letting me know so a prayer can go up to heaven from my heart. Linda*

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**Linda hemphill buttron** - December 12, 2006 at 11:01 PM

DD

“ Dear Betty and family,  
Am so sorry to hear about Terry....He did live a good long life and you were the best nurse he could ask for. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Donna

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**Donna Dietrich** - December 12, 2006 at 07:47 PM

BH

“ Dear Betty,  
I'm really sorry to hear about Terry. I'll always remember him as a bright, capable and intelligent human being. Terry could always take comfort in the fact that he had you with him as a strong and loving wife during the difficult years together. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Your friend, Bill

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**Bill Hood** - December 12, 2006 at 06:57 PM

RW

“ Betty, I can't tell you how sorry I am to read your e-mail this evening when I got home from work. My prayers are for you to have strength to get through the next few weeks and months. Much love to you from myself and my Mother. Your cousins Margarett Tynan & Rena Worthen

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**Rena Worthen** - December 12, 2006 at 06:23 PM

JS

“ Betty I am so sorry to hear this news. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love to you and your family, Jeannine

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**Jeannine Southers** - December 12, 2006 at 05:50 PM

MP

“ *Betty, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. With sincere sympathy, Marvin and Kathy Pine*

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**Marvin and Kathy Pine** - December 12, 2006 at 04:49 PM

JA

“ *Betty,  
There are no words that can help you at this time, but know I am here when you need to talk or vent or whatever. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your friend, Joyce*

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**Joyce Aldrich** - December 12, 2006 at 04:19 PM