



Torrence (Torrey) Button

July 24, 2022

Torrence (Torrey) Button, 67, of Chanute passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022 at his home. Torrey was born in the summer of 1955 in Torrance, CA to Richard and Edith Button.

Torrey worked for 20 years at Denver International Airport as a custodian. He enjoyed serving the passengers and staff of flights and working to insure their comfort. Torrey never met a stranger but was grateful for the time he shared with everyone. He loved his family, especially the little ones in the family. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and train rides in the mountains of Colorado. He enjoyed playing pool at the Rack House and talking with the friends he made there.

On June 20, 1987, Torrey married Barabara and they enjoyed 35 years together as husband and wife.

Torrey is survived by his wife, Barbara, their extended family – daughter, Liz Houdeshell (and her husband Dylan) of Colorado Springs), and son, Trevor Bodwell, of Colorado Springs. Extended family granddaughters, Harley and Clara of Colorado Springs. He is survived by his brother, Thomas J. Button (wife, Ann) of Morrison, Colorado. He enjoyed spending time with his 3 nieces and 3 nephews, 4 grand nieces, 4 grand nephews, 1 great great niece and 1 great great nephew.

Torrey was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Tim Button and his sister-in-law Patricia Button.

Torrey was grateful for the care he received from the many gentle hands who cared for him during his extended illness.

A celebration of life will be held on _Aug 7, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene located at the corner of Plummer and 14th. Memorials have been suggested to either the Cherry Street Youth or the Fire Escape Coffee House and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 3:30 PM (CT)

Church of the Nazarene
1313 W. 14th St
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall



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Countryside Funeral Home - August 12, 2022 at 11:13 AM

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My name is Tom Cooper from Denver CO. I was a couple of years younger than Torrey, but knew about the Button Brothers well. My older brother was 4 years older than me and everyone in the area knew each other. When I was in high school Torrey and I got to know each other. at the time we were both what you might call bad dudes.

I was shocked one day to find out Torrey had been shot and was in critical condition. It was a long time before I saw him again and when I did he was a changed man.

He was fully surrendered to Christ, and a calm and peaceful man. I was deeply moved and honestly wanted the same peace.

We incidentally ended up in the Denver Metro Center to learn welding (I was also in Electronics). After school each day we would end up walking together and talking about God. Eventually we went separate ways and throughout my life I have often wondered what Torrey's life ended up like. Did he keep his faith and walk with God?

I believed in Jesus even in grade school, but started playing drums in rock bands and went along a far path from my faith. Torrey's transformation and his deep love for the Lord deeply and profoundly moved me and I came back to the Lord and have been far from perfect, but walked with God all these years.

Torrey had a lot to do with my return to the Lord, and I am forever in his debt.

I was unable to sleep last night and pulled out my phone and did a search, and found this page almost immediately. I believe for some reason God put it on my heart, and I'm glad he did. From what I can gather it looks like Torrey had a wonderful life filled with family and a faithful dog. Who could ask for more.

The video brought tears to my eyes.

I wish I could have known his family and reunited with him, but I hope you can find encouragement knowing he had a very important influence on a friend long long ago.

*God Bless,
Tom*

Tom Cooper - January 24, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Barb, I wish I could be there for you. I deeply appreciate our friendship and know I will continue to pray for you. Love, Ralph and Connie*

Connie Hollis - August 07, 2022 at 04:17 PM