

Terry Lynn Marsh

Terry Lynn Marsh, 65, of Fairbanks, had a fatal heart attack Jan. 28, 2015. He was in Thorne Bay helping his brother, Jim Marsh, take care of their mother, Alaska pioneer, Betty Marsh.

Terry was born Nov. 20, 1949 in Sheridan Wyoming. His father, Ralph E. Marsh (deceased in 2005), and mother Betty Commons Marsh, moved to Alaska in 1952 with Terry and his sister Bonnie Louise Marsh (deceased 1971). Soon after they settled in Fairbanks, brother James Ralph Marsh was born.

Terry was a graduate of Lathrop High School, class of 1968. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Briggs (now Hartzman). He served five years in naval communications, stationed in San Diego, Kodiak and then on Midway island with his wife and daughter, Tanya LaRae Marsh. After his service, they moved to Fairbanks to his little piece of paradise down Chena Hot Springs Road. Soon after settling in, their son, Christopher Adair Marsh, was born.

Terry was a gifted and passionate airplane and auto mechanic, always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. He lived a full life, with adventures from the far north, down under to Australia, Fiji Island, Greece and sailing across the Pacific with his family.

His favorite was flying over this land he so passionately called home, seeing the great mountain passes, glaciers and bays of Alaska, admiring the wildlife and always taking a moment to fish whenever possible. He loved to make things, and always had a project to work on, ever moving thinking and creating, and doing his best to have a good time while doing it.

He is survived by his mother, Betty C. Marsh, of Thorne Bay; brother, Jim Marsh, of Fairbanks; daughter and son in-law Tanya Marsh-Dumdei, Steven, and his grandson, Zachary, of Sonoma, California; and his son and daughter in-law, Chris Marsh and Alzbeta, of Twin Falls, Idaho. Additionally, he has cousins in Montana; the DeShazos and Bakers and the Lowes and Bovees of California.