



## Terry "Poncho" Thompson

February 5, 1966 - February 10, 2023

Georgia State Patrol Sgt. Terry "Poncho" Thompson, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on February 10, 2023. He was 57.

Terry was born on February 5, 1966 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Robert "Bob" and Myrtice Thompson. He was a graduate of Bowdon High School and a member of Bowdon Baptist Church. Terry was a lifelong law enforcement officer, having started his career in 1986 with the Bowdon Police Department before moving on to the Georgia State Patrol where he worked for 25 years. Known to most as "Poncho," he was a friend to many and will be missed by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Dawn Thompson; his children, Krystle Wright and her husband, Mike, and Cory Thompson; two grandchildren, Bry and Mia Wright; his mother-in-law, Shirley Noles; his brothers-in-law, Clarence "Tank" Noles, Jr. and Jonathon Noles and his wife, Beverly; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends at Bowdon Baptist Church on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 4:00 till 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Rev. Justin Richards and Rev. Ralph Caldwell will

officiate. Members of the Georgia State Patrol will serve as pallbearers. Interment will follow at Cleburne Memory Gardens in Ranbune, Alabama with the GSP Honor Guard rendering service honors.

Prior to the service on Friday, his body will lie-in-state at the church from 1:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

# Cemetery Details

## Cleburne Memory Gardens

Ranburne, AL 36273

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon Baptist Church  
205 Mill Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
150 Tabernacle Drive  
Carrollton, GA 30117

*Sgt. Thompson's body will lie-in-state at the church from 1:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.*

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *LaDonna Fryar lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



LaDonna Fryar - February 17, 2023 at 01:44 PM

DF

“ *David Fryar lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



David Fryar - February 17, 2023 at 01:43 PM

SM

“ *Susan Miller lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



Susan miller - February 17, 2023 at 02:06 AM

AW

“ *Amanda Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



Amanda Whitaker - February 16, 2023 at 05:51 PM

MC

“ *Puncho was a great man and I'm honored to have met him and to call him friend. He will truly be missed.* ”



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**Maria Calloway** - February 16, 2023 at 03:13 PM

SB

“ *Santeisha Byron lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson* ”



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**Santeisha Byron** - February 15, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Rainwater Funeral Home** - February 15, 2023 at 06:52 PM

SG

“ I have known Terry almost all of his life, and only good things can I say about him. His Mom and Dad raised an awesome young man who became a role model and mentor for others. Prayers for his family as they journey through this time of temporary separation.



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 PM

PK

“ Super great guy to work with. LOVE! LOVE! LOVE! his smile. May you rest in peace my friend. My prayers go out to Ms. Dawn, Crystal and Corey.  
Pat Key-dispatch, VR



Patricia Key - February 14, 2023 at 05:51 PM

RM

“ Rest in peace, Cuz. I hope to see you again.

Richard Raymond Matarazzo - February 14, 2023 at 03:32 PM

JH

“ Jack Homer lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Jack Homer - February 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM

RC

“ *Russell Cavender lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Russell Cavender** - February 14, 2023 at 08:53 AM

DC

“ *Dottie Russell Cavender lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Dottie Russell Cavender** - February 14, 2023 at 08:52 AM

SN

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers for Dawn and the family.*



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**Shelia Norton** - February 13, 2023 at 06:37 PM

DM

“ *A man with a servant's heart that loved his family and career. A man that was just a pleasure to be around. RIP Poncho*

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**David Mills** - February 13, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JM

“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Janie Meadows** - February 13, 2023 at 09:57 AM

TM

*Many memories of Poncho, all are good. Seeing him on a bulldozer in our backyard cleaning out space to soon become our swimming pool. At the scene of an automobile accident in the curve at Farmers High. At the Bowdon football games with his dog, and seeing him with his family out eating. A very pleasant personality with a great heart. It really saddened my heart and soul to have a loss of an outstanding community leader such as Terry. My heart and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

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**Tim McWhorter** - February 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM

LL

“ *Landon Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Landon Ledbetter** - February 13, 2023 at 08:45 AM

TW

“ *Tammy Willingham lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Tammy Willingham** - February 13, 2023 at 12:30 AM

TS

“ Tracy And Kim Smith lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



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**Tracy and Kim Smith** - February 12, 2023 at 09:17 PM

BB

“ Bob & Candace Billotte (GSP 141)



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**Bob Billotte** - February 12, 2023 at 08:02 PM

ST

“ Rest Easy, Gone too soon.



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**Shawn Tucker** - February 12, 2023 at 07:52 PM

DB

“ Darlene Beam lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



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**Darlene Beam** - February 12, 2023 at 07:45 PM

PH

“ Pat And Sue Hannon lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Pat and Sue Hannon - February 12, 2023 at 06:43 PM

CP

“ Craig & Lane Pate lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Craig & Lane Pate - February 12, 2023 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ Mike&Jan Stitchee lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Mike&Jan Stitchee - February 12, 2023 at 04:23 PM

NO

“ We were neighbors of Terry & his parents on Farmers high Road when he was in school. He was “special” to my family & we are sad to learn of his passing. Our prayers to all the family. Nalda Marlow Otko

nalda marlow otko - February 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM

TC

“ Tina Croft sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



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**Tina Croft** - February 12, 2023 at 03:54 PM

PH

“ Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



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**Paula Hall** - February 12, 2023 at 03:20 PM

MN

“ Melinda Newton lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



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**Melinda Newton** - February 12, 2023 at 03:09 PM

TM

“ Tommy & Carol Mitchell



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**Tommy & Carol Mitchell** - February 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

WY

“ Wilda Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Wilda Yarbrough - February 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Lee Williamson lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Lee Williamson - February 12, 2023 at 01:59 PM

RH

“ Paul, Rosie and Jennifer Haney



Rosie Haney - February 12, 2023 at 11:21 AM

PA

“ Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Patty Akin - February 12, 2023 at 10:49 AM

LV

“ Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Terry  
"Poncho" Thompson



Lisa Vise - February 12, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BL

“ Bart Loftin sent a virtual gift in memory of Terry  
"Poncho" Thompson



Bart Loftin - February 12, 2023 at 08:53 AM

GH

“ Grant And Tabbie Huff lit a candle in memory  
of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Grant and Tabbie Huff - February 12, 2023 at 08:06 AM

KB

“ Kristie Rogers Byers lit a candle in memory of  
Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Kristie Rogers Byers - February 11, 2023 at 10:24 PM

TC

“ *Tim & Sheri Cooper lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Tim & Sheri Cooper** - February 11, 2023 at 08:51 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Jeff & Debbie Ballard*



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**Debbie Ballard** - February 11, 2023 at 06:36 PM

VK

“ *Veronica Key lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Veronica Key** - February 11, 2023 at 05:05 PM

PH

“ *Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson*



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**Paula Hall** - February 11, 2023 at 04:02 PM

TH

“ Prayers for your family Tim Christie & Taylor Haehnlein.



tim haehnljen - February 11, 2023 at 02:46 PM

TC

“ Tina Croft lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Tina Croft - February 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM

TC

“ Tommy & Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Terry "Poncho" Thompson



Tommy & Judy Cantrell - February 11, 2023 at 02:33 PM

B&

“ Love and prayers for you all he was such a good man ❤️🙏❤️



buck tina madison & Jason - February 11, 2023 at 02:28 PM