



Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen

April 27, 1957 - November 22, 2020

Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen passed to his eternal reward on November 22, 2020 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Terry was born to Anthony Justin Siebenmorgen and Benita Crescence Wewers Siebenmorgen. He grew up on a dairy farm in Morrison Bluff, AR and was the oldest of eight children. In 1982 he married Patty Carter. They had three sons, Justin, Matthew and Ryan and made their home in Fayetteville, AR where they raised beef cattle. Terry was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who never did anything at less than 100% effort. Terry was most happy when he was developing a vision for “building” something – whether it be a program or an actual structure – and he always followed thru to completion, no matter the difficulty.

Terry was preceded in death by his son, Matthew, his father, Anthony and a sister. He is survived by his wife, Patty, son Justin Wayne (Candace) Siebenmorgen of Fayetteville, son Ryan Patrick (Abbey) Siebenmorgen of Fayetteville, four grandchildren, Cooper James, Bailey Rae, Lyla Kate and Blake Matthew, his mother Benita, four brothers, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Terry earned his undergraduate degree from the UA, a M.S. degree from Purdue and a PhD from the University of Nebraska, all in agricultural engineering. He began his faculty career at the UA in 1984 as a food engineer, working in several areas of food processing. He soon focused extensively on rice processing in response to the strong need for research from the food industry. He founded the world-renowned Rice Processing Program in 1994. His rice processing program is an industry-interactive, multidisciplinary effort focusing on rice processing operations and has sponsors from across the United States, South America, Europe and Japan. He built excellent relationships and trust with industry members to run this successful Rice Processing Program for more than 25 years.

Terry was appointed to the Distinguished Professor rank in 2015 and was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2019. He was also inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in 2005 and of the American Association of Cereal Chemists International in 2014. Among his many industry awards are being

selected as Riceland Foods' Friend of the Farmer in 2012 and receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Rice Technical Working Group in 2016 and 2018. He also received the ASABE Distinguished Food Engineer Award in 2007. He was twice selected for the Texas Instruments Outstanding Research Award. He earned the Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence and John W. White Team Award at UA Division of Agriculture.

Terry will be remembered by all for his optimism, endless drive, kindness, humility and his love for Jesus.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville, with a Rosary service preceding it at 10:30 a.m. For those unable to attend, the celebration will be streamed at : <https://www.facebook.com/events/574904600014170/>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Young America's Foundation,
11480 Commerce Park Drive, 6th Floor
Reston, VA 20191

Boys Town
14100 Crawford Street
Boys Town, NE 68010

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1722 N Starr Drive
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Cemetery

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Fayetteville, AR,

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - November 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Thank you so much for putting together this video. It was very nice to see Terry and his family through the years. Suzanne Delao

Suzanne Delao - November 25, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ An epitome of a man possessed with deep love for family, friends, colleagues, career and our God. You are home now. You will be missed but I'm glad your ordeal is over. Thank you for your legacy, sir!

Red - November 25, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ A beautiful video to remember Dr. Siebenmorgen. I always believe that things happen for a reason. My decision to join Terry's program has change my life - professionally and personally. He was my teacher, my mentor, my colleague, and my friend. I thank him for these. The hymn based on Matthew 25:40 reflects the way he lived his life.

Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me
 When I was hungry, you gave me to eat
 When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink
 Now enter into the home of MY FATHER
 When I was weary, you helped me find rest
 When I was anxious, you calmed all my fear
 Now enter into the home of MY FATHER

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When I was laughed at, you stood by my side
 When I was happy, you shared in my joy
 NOW ENTER INTO THE HOME OF MY FATHER

You will be missed.

Alicia Perdon - November 27, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ What an outstanding tribute!!! There is no doubt that he had a love for his family and an outstanding commitment to the agricultural producers of Arkansas. There are few faculty in the Division of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture who can compare to his hard work, dedication, and accomplishments.

Even with his tremendous professional accomplishments, he was equally committed to his family and to his God.

We are extremely to have had him as a member of our UofA agricultural family.

To Patty and the boys, I ask God to give you the strength to forge forward and the Peace to live without him.

I'm personally proud to have been called his friend and colleague.

May God's Peace be with you.

Jerry Musick - November 27, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

St Joseph Knights of Columbus
Fayetteville, Ar.

Knights of Columbus - December 01, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Patty, family members, colleagues and friends.

Sorrow fills my heart this sad moment, a sorrow that is deep and personal. Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen has silently closed the door of life and departed from us. Our lives will be empty in the areas that he had brightened for us.

Albert Einstein said, “The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive.” In one word, Dr. Siebenmorgen was a man who gave. He gave much to his work, to Rice processing program at University of Arkansas. That is why I would like to speak in celebration of his life. Here was a life that demand notice...a life that exemplified brilliance...a life that inspired emulation...a life that burned so that others' paths were lit.

I have known Dr. Siebenmorgen since 2009 when I joined the UARPP as a postdoctoral associate. Dr. Siebenmorgen was a strategic thinker, a visionary who was brilliant, innovative and creative. As such, he contributed much to the development of the Rice research Program and the Industry Alliance. He generously gave us his knowledge, his expertise, his skills and the most-valued memories of working with an exemplary genius.

I will remember you with all your special nuances and our memories from all the days gone before that I was privileged to share with you...RIP.



Amogh Ambardekar - December 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Dear Patty, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Praying for comfort and peace for you and your family!

Sincerely,
Jamie Loftin

Jamie Loftin - November 30, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen has contributed immensely to my life. Eight years ago, an email written by me to him after reading a little bit of his work led to a Skype interview and subsequently my acceptance into the world-renowned University of Arkansas Rice Research Program. I am particularly thankful for my graduate assistantship that he offered me, without which I would not have been able to study here in the US.

Dr. Siebenmorgen has touched my life in many ways; thank you Dr. S for all that you have done for me. I will always reminisce our enjoyable conversations at work and during our long trips to rice country and conferences, excellent research, passion for rice that grew in me from your contagious passion...you are and will be missed dearly! And thank you so much for inculcating and improving my written skills. As many of you know, if Dr. S approved a manuscript, it was sure to be published, and reviews came back with hardly any or minor corrections!

Many many hugs to you Dr. Siebenmorgen! I will do what I can to make you proud. Thank you for all that you did for me! Lots of love!!

Patty, Justin and Ryan...sending tight hugs to you.

Sangeeta Mukhopadhyay - November 28, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ I first met Dr. Siebenmorgen in 1985, when I was a senior at the UA and President of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Initiates had to get signatures on boards and he and I had a discussion about that. My roommate was in some of his classes and the buzz around the college was of this new young professor in Ag Engineering that was lighting things up (sorry, I'm an electrical engineer - this is a good thing!).

I then had the pleasure of sitting down with Terry last year, 35 years later, as a colleague in the college faculty. I have to say, take everything you hear and read about him regarding his intellect, passion, work ethic, and kindness and multiply that by 10. He was an outstanding person and made those around him better. It was a great conversation we had together - about business and life. He was a fine example for us all.

I want to express my heartfelt condolences to the family and wish you all peace and comfort as time progresses. It is hard now, but he's with us as we think of him and let his example live on through our own lives. He's now in the comforting arms of the Lord and will never suffer again.

Alan Mantooth - November 27, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ The service today was beautiful and so appropriate! I was so glad to be able to attend via the Facebook link.

I want to mention a few things about my relationship with Terry, mainly for the benefit of his sons. I came to UA in February 1985 as head of what was then the Agricultural Engineering Department where Terry had become a faculty member the year before. We shared the "Purdue PhD experience" albeit at different times, and we often discussed what was required to develop a world-class research program. We were both football fans as well and I believe we attended a few games together.

I left UA in 1992 for a position at another university. By the time I returned to UA in 1996 in another administrative position, Terry had moved to the Food Science Department, We had only occasional contact after that although we did get to visit in person a number of times after his illness was diagnosed.

One relationship that is especially dear to me was between Terry and my late brother David. The backdrop is that a faculty member in our department took a position at another university but had contracted for a significant research grant beforehand with a major equipment manufacturer that involved rice harvesting. Clearly, it was our Department's responsibility to fulfill the terms of this contract.

Even though this was a bit out of Terry's expertise or interest, he, being the responsible and visionary person he was, somewhat reluctantly took on this project. However, he was going to need help, especially since the site of this project was 300 miles away across the state at the Northeast Research and Extension Center at Keiser, AR. In one discussion with him about this project, I mentioned that my brother David (a PhD from Purdue in Agricultural Engineering in the Power & Machinery area who was farming in Cross County) would be an ideal partner but for obvious conflict-of-interest reasons, I would not be involved with any aspect of hiring David if indeed that is what Terry wanted to do.

But he did decide to hire David, and this was a research partnership proverbially "made in Heaven"! Together, they did great things that were of both theoretical and practical importance to rice farmers everywhere. Unfortunately, a year or two into this partnership, David was totally incapacitated by complications from a brown recluse spider bite and died a few years later.

One humorous story that came out of this partnership was that one day the head of UA's Division Agriculture (a classy individual I must add) called me about what he saw as an inappropriate expense Terry had claimed as part of this rice harvesting research project. I was told that Terry had claimed expenses for the purchase of numerous pizzas. I explained that Terry had so motivated the staff at the Research Center that they had agreed to work well into the evening to finish some time-sensitive data collection. Terry, being the thoughtful person he was, bought all the work crew pizza because they would have otherwise missed their evening meals. In my view, this purchase was not only appropriate but well worth the effort in that this gesture inspired everyone. Effectively, this explanation also inspired this Division of Agriculture leader! He told me something to the effect "I now fully understand and agree, but please tell Terry that next time he needs to call this expenditure something other than pizza!". And, I'm sure that Terry did!

I'll end with a personal note of appreciation. Terry came to the Agricultural Engineering Department when the Department was in great need for a "superstar" researcher. Arguably, the very future existence of the Department depended upon it. And, certainly not to my surprise, Terry came through "big time"! As his department

head, rightly or wrongly, I got to benefit from his success and did the entire department - faculty, staff and students. Thank you Terry. I'll always appreciate all you did for me and so many others!



Otto J Loewer - November 27, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ One of the kindest men I have ever met and a great family friend. He was a dedicated family man and a leader in his field. Pun intended. I am better for knowing him. My heart and prayers are with you, Siebenmorgans. God be with you.

Brian Dandy - November 27, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ May his soul rest in peace always.

Saswati Mukhopadhyay - November 27, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Terry was a professional colleague and a friend for over 30 years. He will be cherished as a dedicated and diligent Agricultural Engineer who devoted his career to improving rice postharvest quality. He was a highly ethical, honest and family-oriented human being. His integrity, nobility and high morality is a role model. He will be gravely missed. May God Almighty grant Peace to his soul in Heaven and grant strength to his family and friends to cope with his premature departure from earth.

Lalit Verma - November 27, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I worked at the daycare the boys went to since Justin was a baby. We all knew this was a family full of love and laughter. I never saw Terry or Patty without a smile on their face. We all loved this family. Sorry to hear of Terry passing. I guess God needed someone to help the angels smile!! Lynda K. Burke

Lynda K. Burke - November 27, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Terry was a wonderful person and I thank the Lord for the opportunity to get to know him. Terry was extremely intelligent but also quite a simple man in the sense of valuing the simple, fundamental things of life. He loved Patty and the sons dearly. This love and his family provided a wonderful anchor and support for him in the last days. He loved and greatly valued his brothers and sisters, mother and father. We had worked together since 1984 and he and I would often share our own memories of various family members as we would talk about some project we were working on. Things like the strawberry garden, the beef cattle herd, picking peas and the dairy operation were combined together with fond stories of grandchildren, Ryan, Justin, Matthew, Patty, his brothers or his mom or dad. The simple work anecdotes and his dad, Justin and Ryan were often combined. He was a trusted and valued friend to me and I will miss him greatly - I already do. He made the world and university better for his being in them. God bless the extended Siebemorgen family today. .

Paul Counce - November 27, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen.



November 26, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ I will forever remember him as my best friend through high school. He had a brilliant mind, which is proven by his legacy. Helped me a lot with any question I had through algebra, geometry, chemistry and english. My prayers go to his family.

Carlton Selph - November 26, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ Dear Patti, Justin and Ryan,

Of the many things that I am thankful for on this day my mind keeps coming back to how thankful I am for having known Terry Seibenmorgen. For having the opportunity to work for and with him, for his kindness and thoughtfulness, his concern and prayers when I needed them, his smile and always encouraging words. He was available and his door always open for just a word. Most times that word became a 30 minute plus conversation about gardening, family, the environment, cancer and life in general. We did not always agree but we were able to hear one another. I knew that he did not have time for our visits but he never indicated that. I can only imagine what you have endured these last several years and your sorrow with losing him. After I say thank you to God for "Dr. S" having been a part of my life I envision how happy he must be to be with Matthew again. Tomorrow I will be with you virtually, to say our last goodbye. May God be with you!

Joanne Baltz-Gray - November 26, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Thank you so much for putting together the life of Terry Siebenmorgen....I graduated with Terry in the class of 1975...My name is Eugene Cox....We shared a lot of memories together which were all good....Terry achieved his dream and spent a lifetime teaching it....My heart hurts with the loss of Terry, a wonderful man and a great friend.....

Eugene Cox - November 26, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Thank you so much for uploading this video. It is wonderful to see him,his family members and others with him. He was so very attached with his family,his work mainly in the area of research, teaching and his great contribution in the rice industry. He was very compassionate and dedicated to his work. He was very loving to all those who were associated with him and also whoever came in contact with him. I express my heart felt gratitude to him. I am also very thankful for all that he did for my daughter,Sangeeta.
May his soul rest in peace,in his abode in the kingdom of Heaven.
Gratitude to him forever,my prayers and warm wishes to all his family members.

Saswati Mukhopadhyay - November 26, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ I met Terry when I was coming to Fayetteville as an exchange student from the Netherlands. He was such a knowledgeable and nice person! I will never forget he invited me at home where we watched football with a cold Budweiser. He will be truly missed.

Pieter-Jan Gielen

Pieter-Jan Gielen - November 26, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dr. Terry Siebenmorgen.



November 26, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ Farewell my friend and colleague in research, Terry. Rest in eternal peace. A BLESSING IN MANY WAYS.

Griffiths Atungulu - November 25, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Patty, sincere heartfelt condolences to you and your family for your loss of your husband, Terry. I lost Lyvone July of this year. Often think of you and all the Ag. Research crew. May God uplift and comfort during this difficult time. Loretta Thornton

Loretta Thornton - November 25, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Siebenmorgen’s passing. It was an honor to have known him and worked with him. May God’s presence surround your family with peace, strength and comfort now and always.

Sincerely,
Dean and Genia Oliver



Dean Oliver - November 25, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Terry was a great friend to the rice industry. I always enjoyed his presentations at our annual Arkansas Drier and Warehouse Association meetings. He was good to share and ask questions about what was going on at the local level.

The rice industry lost a true friend.
He will be missed.
Keith Woosley

Keith Woosley - November 25, 2020 at 11:33 AM