



William Terry Certonio

July 11, 1943 - November 15, 2025

William Terry Certonio passed away from Congestive Heart Failure on November 15, 2025, at home with his family, in Washington City, Utah. He was born July 11, 1943 in Blanding, Utah to William (Willy) and Barbara Palmer Certonio. He married Sandra Kay Shumway in Blanding, Utah on December 28, 1968. They were sealed for Time and Eternity in the Manti Temple on August 16, 1974.

Terry was raised in Blanding and graduated from San Juan High School where he played trumpet with the band and being gifted with a great singing voice enjoyed singing and performing with his guitar. He was very active in all sports and especially loved football. From San Juan High School he went on to play football for Dixie College. During the Vietnam War he enlisted for 3 yrs with the Army and was sent to Signal School to be trained as a Fixed Station Radio Receiver Repairman at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey and Monterey Bay, California. After this training he was sent to Bangkok, Thailand where he gained a love for Thailand, the Thai people and Thai food. His grade and rank was SP5 E-5. He was awarded the Sharpshooter Badge – Rifle (M-14) and the National Defense Service Medal.

Returning to his hometown roots, he decided to settle down and married Sandy Shumway. He used his skills as a heavy equipment operator to earn a good living and support his family. He was an owner /operator of C&C Construction with his Dad and brother Tony building roads on mountain sides, in canyons, drill sites and many earth moving jobs around San Juan County.

When the company purchased a 206 Cessna airplane, Terry got his pilot's license and enjoyed many years of flying both for business and pleasure. In 1985 Terry and Sandy moved their family to St George, Utah for work and to get out of the snow. There, he obtained his General Engineering Contractors License and was the owner of Certonio & Sons. He enjoyed working with his sons and sons in law on many projects within the Washington County area. He was known for his hard work, honesty, integrity and for getting a job done right.

He enjoyed listening to many kinds of music, singing, dancing, good food, westerns on TV, deer hunting and remembered for always having a joke to tell or one of his many life stories. Most of all he loved his family, children and grandchildren and was always so proud of and grateful for each of them. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, honoring his Priesthood and serving in various callings over the years. He had a solid faith in our Heavenly Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Shumway Certonio (Sandy) and their seven children. Shayla (Mike)Emmett, Sean (JoAnn) Certonio, Wm Cory (Marcy) Certonio, Angela (Patrick) Brittain, Gina (Chris) Hughes, Cheryl (Doug) Wilcox, and James V (Kristen) Certonio. 27 Grandchildren, 5 Great Grandchildren, brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews and cousins. His brothers, Tony Certonio and Bob Certonio.

He was preceded in death by his parents William (Willy) and Barbara Certonio.

The family would like to express thanks to the Intermountain Hospice Team and especially Terry's CNA Jonathan, who gave him such great care and lit up his day.

We would also like to express sincere and grateful appreciation to family, friends and Washington Fields 10th Ward members who have reached out and supported our family in various thoughtful ways at this tender time of our loss.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Washington Fields 10th Ward

Missionary Fund, Humanitarian Fund or Utah Food Bank

In honor of William Terry Certonio's Life a Funeral Service will be held Monday, November 24, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the Washington Fields 10th Ward Chapel, 628 South 3000 East, St George, Utah 84790. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the same location. Interment will follow with Military Honors at the Washington City Cemetery, 300 North 300 East, Washington, Utah 84780.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements are made under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Washington City Cemetery

300 Park View Drive
Washington, UT 84780

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Washington Fields 10th Ward
628 S. 3000 W.
Washington, UT 84780

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Live Streaming of Funeral Service in memory of William Terry Certonio*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM

MW

“ *Terry was a good friend and one I thought highly of. My prayers and thoughts are with his family all the time.*

Michael Wozniak - November 26, 2025 at 06:31 PM

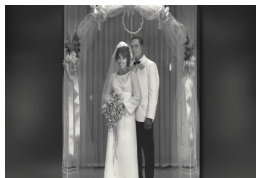
SC

Thank you, Michael, very appreciated.

Sandy Certonio - December 09, 2025 at 02:53 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 24, 2025 at 07:13 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 24, 2025 at 07:12 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 24, 2025 at 07:05 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 24, 2025 at 04:11 PM

SP

“ I really enjoyed sharing our common experience from Thailand with Terry. So good to get to know him and his loving personality. I miss him.

Judy and I share the same number of grandchildren, 27, as the Certonios.

God bless you, Sandy and your family.

Steven M Probert - neighbor and friend.

Steven M Probert - November 24, 2025 at 02:30 AM

SC

Thank you so much Steve and Judy

Sandy Certonio - December 09, 2025 at 02:55 PM

BG

“ I remember when we just first moved here for more from RMR Utah, and we had problems with our water. And I don't know, but I just felt very comfortable coming to you instead of and went out in a way, I feel like Sam is you kind of know it's like a second to me, I feel like saying this. Like the second dad to me, you was very special to me. I really loved you



Brett Giles - November 23, 2025 at 09:46 PM

SC

Thank you so much Brett, that was a good memory for us too. He loved you and appreciated being able to serve you and your mom at that time.

Sandy Certonio - December 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM

CF

“ Contreras Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Terry Certonio.

Contreras Family - November 21, 2025 at 11:59 PM

CF

“ Contreras Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Terry Certonio.



Contreras Family - November 21, 2025 at 11:59 PM

DK

“ Doug and Karen purchased the Beautiful in Blue bouquet for the family of William Terry Certonio.



Doug and Karen - November 21, 2025 at 08:10 PM