



Terry Grosz passed this afternoon in Colorado after a lengthy battle with illnesses. Terry was known by many of us as "larger than life" in terms character, personality, demeanor, and (of course) physical size. His career was that of a wildlife law enforcement professional, and he possessed an uncanny ability to shape people's opinions and actions. He used that ability continuously, and made a large and lasting contribution to wildlife conservation in the United States. Needless to say, Terry will undoubtedly be remembered and missed.

Terry's background included a bachelor's degree in 1964 and his master's in Wildlife Management in 1966 from Humboldt State College in California. He was a California State Fish and Game Warden, based first in Eureka and then in Colusa, from 1966 to 1970. He then joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and served in California as a U.S. Game

Management Agent/Special Agent until 1974. He then was promoted to Senior Resident Agent and placed in charge of the States of North and South Dakota for two years, followed by three years as a Senior Special Agent in Washington D.C.. In 1979 he became the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Minneapolis, and then transferred to Denver, where he worked as Special Agent in Charge (ARD at that time) until his retirement in 1998.

Terry earned many awards and honors during his career including the Meritorious Service Award in 1996, and Top Ten Award in 1987 as one of the top ten employees in the Service. The Fish and Wildlife Foundation presented him with the Guy Bradley Award in 1989 as our Nation's outstanding wildlife officer, and in 1995 he received the Conservation Achievement Award for Law Enforcement from the National Wildlife Federation. Unity College in Maine awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Environmental Stewardship in 2002, and Humboldt State University awarded Terry their Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008 for his lifetime achievements.

Terry leaves behind his wife Donna (they just had their 55th marriage anniversary), son Rich (OLE supervisor for ND and SD), and daughter Kimberly Jackson. Terry's son Christopher, a police officer, preceded him in death.