



Teddy Lee Cosgrove

April 26, 1946 - July 27, 2025

Teddy Lee Cosgrove, a devoted husband, father, and man of faith, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at the age of 79. Born on April 26, 1946, in Mount Tabor, New Jersey, Teddy was the cherished son of George and Frances Cosgrove.

Teddy was predeceased by his late wife of 37 years, Rosalyn Cosgrove as well as brothers Richard, George, and Glenn Cosgrove.

For the past 11 years, he shared his life with his wife, Linda Cosgrove, whose love and companionship brought him deep joy and comfort. Together, their blended family became a testament to the bonds that transcend blood and are built on love.

Teddy is survived by his wife, Linda Cosgrove; his children, Tammy (and her spouse Bubba), Tom (and his spouse Michelle), Megan (and her spouse Scott), Brian (and his spouse Stefrose), and Amanda (and her spouse Michael); his stepsons, Christopher (and his spouse Alyssa), Ryan (and his spouse Samantha), and John (and his partners Tristen and Nick); and his sister, Lynda Ochs.

He was a proud grandfather to 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 5 step-grandchildren, each of whom brought light to his life.

Teddy was a longtime member of Lafayette Federated Church and The Gideons International. His deep Christian faith was central to his life and shaped his commitment to serving others. He volunteered for a number of organizations, including Interfaith Hospitality Network, Family Promise, NAHU,

and America for Disabilities.

Whether placing Bibles, quietly praying with someone in need, or welcoming a stranger to his dinner table, Teddy lived his faith through action. He had a kind word for everyone he met and a heart big enough to make each person feel seen.

Teddy also had many passions - he loved to garden, golf, hike, and travel - but his heart was always most at home when surrounded by his family.

Teddy will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His warmth, integrity, and quiet strength leave behind a legacy of love and service.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 1st, at Lafayette Federated Church, 180 NJ-15, Lafayette, NJ 07848. Visiting hours will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a service to follow at 12 p.m... For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed on the church website. Online condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” Matthew 25:21

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lafayette Federated Church
180 State Route 15
Lafayette, NJ 07848

Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lafayette Federated Church
180 State Route 15
Lafayette, NJ 07848

Tribute Wall



“ *What an Amazing tribute to an Amazing Christian -Ted. Til I see you again. The service was such a heart felt honoring of a man that was truly always there for everyone. Blessed to have known you Ted 🙏❤️*

Janice Flecknoe - August 01, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SC

“ *Psalm 91:1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
Brother Ted, you once told me that although physically you were not able to be out and doing The Lords work, that you can still pray for people. I was amazed at that simple but profound statement. One that I will hold dear to my heart until we meet again!
I love you my brother 🙏❤️ Steve Cicardo*

Steve Cicardo - August 01, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.*



July 31, 2025 at 02:32 PM

JC

“ Jean Gunn Crowell lit a candle in memory of
Teddy Lee Cosgrove



Jean Gunn Crowell - July 31, 2025 at 05:32 AM

JC

“ To the Cosgrove family and my friend and school friend Linda , sorry
for your loss Linda of your husband. He is in God's hands and he is
God's angel. Fly high with the angels teddy Fly high with the angels.
Your work here on earth is done go rest here on the mountain. You
will be missed and loved by all who knew you.

Jean Gunn Crowell - July 31, 2025 at 05:30 AM

VF

“ Sandy and I have known Teddy for about 30 years as members of Lafayette Bible (Federated) Church and participated in many ministries, bible studies etc. together. He was always vocally fervent, as he sought to bring glory to God in all he did. Years back, I (Vince) participated in Gideon bible distributions with him in Newark, Kearney and other places and it was there I first glimpsed his great passion and commitment to that ministry. For the last 4 years, near the beginning of his disease, Ted and I met once a week for prayer and fellowship. It was in these meetings, as he shared his struggles and his joys, that his heart of deep love of and commitment to the Lord was revealed to me. One example is that when he had hospital visits or was confined to his wheel chair, he wanted above all to make sure he had enough Gideon bibles to hand out and to use to share the gospel. So, I will miss those weekly meetings with you my friend! Your faith in the mist of the fight with your infirmities was inspirational to me. You truly took hold of the grace God gave to you and fought the good fight. We are very thankful for your friendship these many years.

Vince and Sandy Fagan

Vincent Fagan - July 30, 2025 at 10:52 PM

OS

“ Our deepest sympathies, Dirk and Sharon purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.



Our deepest sympathies, Dirk and Sharon - July 30, 2025 at 10:11 PM

OS

“ Our deepest sympathies, Dirk and Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Our deepest sympathies, Dirk and Sharon - July 30, 2025 at 10:11 PM

WK

“ Walter and Joanne Knowles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Walter and Joanne Knowles - July 30, 2025 at 01:44 PM

WK

“ Walter and Joanne Knowles purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.



Walter and Joanne Knowles - July 30, 2025 at 01:44 PM

LC

“ Linda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Linda C. - July 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LC

“ Linda C. purchased the Enduring Light Casket Spray for the family of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.



Linda C. - July 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM

BH

“ Teddy and I grew up a few houses apart on historic Mt. Tabor. He was instrumental in helping another friend of ours relocate from Phoenix with his son, both were experiencing some serious difficulties. Long, long story short, we (other friends) moved them to NJ and our friend met his wife at a HS reunion the following year, and his son just graduated with a Masters this spring! Life changing!! This would never would have happened without Teddy!! He will be truly missed! 🙏 Love always to Teddy and his family.
Brenda

Brenda Hedden - July 29, 2025 at 09:24 PM

LO

Thank you for sharing Brenda! You were a good friend!

Lynda J Ochs - July 30, 2025 at 08:33 PM

CC

“ Connor C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Connor C. - July 29, 2025 at 08:14 PM

RA

“ Richard A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Richard A. - July 29, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BH

“ Brenda H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Lee Cosgrove.

Brenda H. - July 29, 2025 at 06:40 PM

AJ

“ I am a former pastor of the Wantage UMC. I was always very glad to give Ted the pulpit as a Gideon spokesperson. I had been a Gideon myself and Ted and I shared a love for that ministry. He was passionate about his service to his God. Pastor Alfie Jaeger

alfred jaeger - July 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

IE

Linda, Sorry to read of Ted's passing. I would like to extend my condolences to you and family. Don't know if you remember me but I was a best friend of Irene Clark and we met at her home several times and discussed insurance and had lunch. Sincerely, Irene Ericson

Irene Ericson - July 30, 2025 at 12:31 PM