



B. Tyrous (Terry) Addison

March 31, 1929 - June 4, 2005

Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal during the Korean War! Graduate, Morgan State University, B.S. in Mathematics, June 3, 1957! Computer Systems Analyst for the Federal Government and Private Sector, 1959–79! Founder and President, Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc.! Founder, The Presidents' Round Table, Inc. B. Tyrous ("Terry") Addison was born and raised in Lumberton, N.C., the heart of tobacco-growing country, on March 31, 1929. The 11th of 12 children, he worked there on his family's tenant farm until he was 18, when he won a small academic scholarship to attend Livingstone College, an historically black school in Salisbury, N.C. Never one to let opportunity pass, Terry quickly seized this one, taking to Livingstone an unquenchable thirst for learning and challenge and a determination to climb up from the poverty into which he had been born. College also gave him a number of lifelong friends and introduced him to a high-achieving English major named Mary Juanita Logan from Old Fort, N.C., the woman who became his wife of 50 years. Terry lacked the money to return to Livingstone for his third year, so he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951. He served in the Korean War as a combat aerial gunner and gunner instructor and received a number of special decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. After completing his 50 combat missions, Terry was stationed in the U.S. for two years, working as an Air Force meteorologist. He was honorably discharged from the military as a staff sergeant in 1955. After moving to Baltimore, Md., he married Juanita

in February 1955. He worked for a short time at Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Sparrow's Point steel mill, then found work as a mail clerk with the U.S. Postal Service: a full-time night job that allowed him to continue his college education during the day. He enrolled at Morgan State College (now University) as a full-time student majoring in mathematics. Terry was graduated from Morgan State in 1957 and began his professional career soon after that as a computer systems analyst at Aberdeen Proving Ground Ballistics Research Laboratory, helping pave the road to today's "Computer Revolution." From 1959 to 1966, he performed advanced scientific programming at Aberdeen on first-generation digital and analog computers, including the ORDVAC, EDVAC, IBM 650 and 1401, UNIVAC 1230, SIGMA 5, and GE 415. From 1966 to 1968, Terry worked as a senior engineer/systems analyst for AAI Corporation in Cockeysville, Md. There, he was responsible for the initial writing of proposals for contract bids. He also did the initial writing, testing, and documentation of online and real-time programs for simulators created to help train U.S. Naval officers in the use of radar and shipboard electronic components. As Terry developed his computer expertise, his love of business led him into other endeavors. He owned and operated several enterprises, including a neighborhood tavern, a cocktail lounge and restaurant, and an insurance agency, while he was working for AAI. Terry had a brief tenure at Control Data/Commercial Credit as a senior computer systems analyst, studying methods of writing a universal time-sharing and information retrieval language. This job led to 10 years' service with the Social Security Administration Bureau of Health Insurance (later renamed the Health Care Financing Administration). There, he served as a computer system design analyst involved in the initial design and development of the National Computer Claims Processing System, which handled customary and prevailing charges for Medicare and Medicaid. He retired from this position on July 1, 1979, after 26 years with the federal government. In 1973, Terry expanded his insurance business, establishing Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc., an ongoing concern based in Owings Mills, Md., that specializes in advising

small and minority-owned businesses in insurance and fidelity and surety bonding. In 1983, he opened a travel agency in Baltimore, the Business Travel Centre, Inc., a full-service agency that merged with Mondawmin Travel Center in 1988. Later in 1983, he recruited two close business associates — Raymond V. Haysbert Sr., then president of Parks Sausage Company, and radio station owner Dorothy Brunson — to join him in purchasing a controlling interest in The Forum Caterers, Inc., an on-premises/off-premises catering facility in Baltimore. As The Forum's CEO, Terry worked mainly in a sales and marketing capacity with the company, helping increase annual revenue from \$500,000 to \$2,750,000 over a four-year period. He sold his share of the firm to the other partners in 1990. Terry was a longtime, tireless advocate for greater entrepreneurship and economic development among African Americans. In 1983, he approached Haysbert and Brunson with the idea of an organization composed of the heads of successful black-owned, Baltimore-based companies that could learn to collaborate easily in business ventures. Together, they founded The Presidents' Round Table Inc., an influential business group that now has 28 members who run companies across Maryland. In the early and mid-1980s, Terry donated a great deal of his energy and business acumen to The Hub Organization, a Baltimore-based group that focused on economic development in the black community. As chair of The Hub's Economic Development Committee, he designed the operating format and philosophy of the organization. Through his involvement in The Hub, he coined the word "psychonomics," which described the psychological processes involved in getting African Americans to support African-American enterprises. He also initiated the "Brain Trust Seminar," an economic development think tank designed to get more African Americans involved in economic policy-making and decision-making. A strong and visible force in the community, Terry participated in many civic projects, including a task force that considered potential enterprises for an inner-city development program. The program was designed to get African Americans involved in the

economic reconstruction of Baltimore after the 1968 riots. He also served on the Minority Resource Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Center at The Johns Hopkins University, from 1980 to 1984. Terry was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and he strove to achieve the group's goal of "Bigger and Better Business." Terry, who was president of his high school senior class in 1947, also founded the Hilly Branch High School Alumni Association, to preserve the history of his school, which is no longer in existence. A longtime member of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Terry also worked with many other organizations, including the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board of The Harbor Bank of Maryland, and the Advisory Board of Provident Hospital, and has received numerous awards, among them the 1984 Man of the Year Award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, the honor of which he was most proud. A physical fitness buff, Terry was a familiar face at the Merritt Downtown Athletic Club, where he often began his day with a workout at 6:30 a.m. Terry died at Good Samaritan Hospital on June 4, 2005 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; two children, Eric Tyrous Addison and Cheryl Addison Wilson, both of Baltimore; two granddaughters, Erica Addison and Lyndsey Wilson; and siblings Lena Bethune and Edna Ruth Blue of Baltimore, Arthur David Addison of Detroit, Mich., Julia Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Carrie Canady of Fayetteville, N.C.; son-in-law, Ernest Wilson Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Joan Addison.

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“ *B. Tyrous (Terry) Addison*

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“ *B. Tyrous (Terry) Addison*

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“ *Dear Addison Family: Please know that Terry was a true pioneer and inspiration. In my short time interacting with Terry at the President's Roundtable- he was full life and energy. He has left a lasting impression and motivation on my life. May God bless you in your time of remembrance. Personal Regards, LaRian##imported-begin##LaRian Finney##imported-end##*

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“ *Juanita, Eric & Cheryl, May God be with you and your family during this time of bereavement. I know with Terry's resilience, we all expected a quick bounce back. Terry was a man who "practiced what he preached." I will always remember him and his efforts as well as impact on businesses in general and specifically on Abrams, Foster, Nole & Williams. Undoubtedly, we all are at your disposal to address or assist you in any manner. Arnold Williams##imported-begin##Arnold Williams##imported-end##*

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“ Addison Family -- Terry will always be remembered for speaking his mind, making a difference, and lending a hand to others. In the time that I have had the pleasure to know him, he consistently demonstrated these as his essence. However, what I will remember and cherish about him most is his dedication and faith to his family - particularly his wife and son. Never was there a conversation where he didnt talk about how important his family was to him. I am sure that his presence will continue to be with you always. May God comfort you during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##John Peoples##imported-end##

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“ It is with great sadness and happiness that I feel today. I lost a mentor, a friend and a caring and compassionate business associate. While I feel this loss greatly, at the same time I am happy knowing that God has brought his son home to share with him the richest of his mercy and glory. Bless the family and the many friends of Terry as he now is receiveing a ultimate higher blessing.##imported-begin##Earnie Hines##imported-end##

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“ For many years this gentle man with the bright broad smile has graced all who had the privilege to know him with his presence. I will miss his encouragement and committment to advancing the cause of minority businesses. We at the AFRO will miss a friend and business associate who was always there with great guidance whenever such was needed.##imported-begin##Jake Oliver##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family I feel the loss of Terry in my future as much as any one I've know. He was my partner in business, my associate in civic affairs, my right hand in the HUB organization, my running buddy at the watering places, a fellow airman, and most of all my friend. Please know that time will not erase the glow of Terry in my life. His presence will not be obliterated by time.##imported-begin##Ray Haysbert##imported-end##

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“ The Addison Family, I cannot say anything other than Terry was a great man. A pioneer, an innovator, a man who was fearless in his pursuit of his goals and life's mission. Terry has a great many accomplishments and has left his mark upon the world in many significant ways. He ventured in times that were especially hard for African- Americans, yet he prospered and blazed a trail that the rest of us could follow. Thank you Terry for all the gifts that your life has brought to so many of us.##imported-begin##Ken Banks##imported-end##

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“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Terry for a number of years. He's always provided me with great advise and wisdom over the years. He is a true economic visionsary and I will personally miss him. The world will miss him. My prayers go out to his wife and family.##imported-begin##A. Rod Womack##imported-end##

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“ Addison Family God's Blessings be upon you in this homegoing of your loved one Terry. Though the tears may flow for a little while, let joy be in your hearts from here on. For Terry's work here on earth is done and the Father has called him home to rest and wait for your coming. Peace be with all of you and God's Love be with you now and ever more.##imported-begin##Walter R Hunter Jr##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you and the family, keep holding to God's Unchanging Hand.##imported-begin##Denneth S. Wallace##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family: Knowing that your loved one is with the Lord, go in peace, and reflect the beautiful memories you have of him. May God strengthen you during this time.##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##

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“ Miss Juanita, Cheryl & Eric, I was sorry to hear of Mr.Addison's passing. You are in our prayers. Adriane Hill & Family##imported-begin##Adriane Hill##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Terry Addison. In difficult times such as this, the bible is a source of comfort and encouragement. At Job 14:14 a question was asked, "If an able bodied man dies, can he live again?" The answer can be found at John 11:25. Yes, Almighty God, through his now reigning King, Jesus Christ will bring back our beloved ones into a paradise. May you all pray and rely on the God of Comfort to comfort you now and in the days to come.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you at this tough time. Terry was a special friend and partner and I will surely miss him. My deepest sympathies to all of you.##imported-begin##Alan Summerfield##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God, Jehovah says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. It is my hope that you will be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Almighty God has a "book of remembrance"- Malachi 3:16. The Bible reveals that ones who are in Almighty God's memory will "rise from death" -Daniel 12:13 May these divinely inspired promises give you strength and peace in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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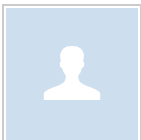
“ I wish to express my most deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Addison. No doubt the loss of a loved one can be difficult, however the bible reassures us that one day soon death and sickness we be done away with. Revelation 21:3,4 makes this promise. We look forward to a time when we will be united with our loved ones. This will soon be a reality by means of God's Kingdom.##imported-begin##K. D. Smith##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mr. Addison; please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and friend. Mr. Addison seemed to be a wonderful, well liked, all-around person and no doubt your void is great. Our loving, heavenly father knows your pain. He too lost someone he loved and that was His son, Jesus. It pained him so much that the bible tells us that He (God) caused a great darkness to occur in the middle of the day over the whole earth. (Luke 22:44,45) On the third day, Jehovah God resurrected His son back to heaven to be with Him. Likewise, Almighty God promises to do the same for us. He has the will and the power to do so. At Isaiah 26:19, it says; "Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine-they will rise up. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust!..." What a wonderful hope we have in seeing our dead loved ones again. Death hurts so much because we were created to live and death, although common, is not natural. So please compare this scripture with your copy of the bible and see firsthand this marvelous truth. May you continue to find comfort also in the memories you share of Mr. Addison. My prayers are with your family. Take care.##imported-begin##Denise Dukes##imported-end##

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“ To the Addison family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Our Creator wants us to enjoy life. Notice what the Bible says at Revelation 21:4. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." May this hope bring you comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Joseph Hill##imported-end##

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“ My prayers go out to Mrs.Addison and the children.I too just lost my Father in death.I found that the scriptures bought me much comfort in my lowest moments.Please read Psalm 116:15.Also the bible speaks of a resurrection Revelation 21:3,4.Only Gods Word can carry us through this stormy season in our lives.My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Elaine Ludd##imported-end##

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“ Death is a harsh and devastating interruption to life a precious gift of God. Yet in most of our lives today we see death as our final eventuality accepted by many. However our heavenly father Jehovah God, the giver of life promises that one day in our near future death will be no more. As Revelations 21:3-4 states “God will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be anymore.” How truly happy we all will be not to ever be threaten by death because it is Jehovah God’s promise to us according to Psalms 37:29 for the righteous ones to live forever on earth. Another hopeful awaiting thought in our future is all those who have lost their lives to death or the lost of our love ones, Jehovah God says according to John 5:28,29 all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus voice and come out. Yes these ones will live again! We all can hold fast to this because Titus 1:2 states: upon the basis of hope of everlasting life, which God, who cannot lie promised before times long lasting. Such a comforting thought to know our having life forever was always Jehovah God’s promised purpose for us. My deepest sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ *that's all with my love / Tyrous*”

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“ *The sting of death is very hard to except, I know Yet here's what comforted me in my time of grief. Isaiah 25:8,9;26:19;Acts 24:15 also Rev.21:3,4. These comforting word's from the Bible give's us a hope of a brighter time when we can see our dear loved ones again who have fallen to sleep in death. I sincerely hope that you as well as your family fine the same comfort in your time of grief from the Bible as I did.*”

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“ *To the family of B. Tyrous, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear loved one. Please be encouraged by the comfort given from God's Word at 1 Corinthians 15:12-17. May you find a measure of peace in this scripture and may it warm your heart.*”

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“ *To Mr. Addison's family, I want to share my deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow. The Bible has always given me the strength to cope with what this life brings. At Rev. 21: 3,4 it lets us know that Jehovah is going to be with us in our time of need. The Bible speaks of him as the God of all comfort. So may he show you that comfort as he did my family and I.*”

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. My grandmother was born the same year as Mr.Abel. I know its a hurtfull thing to see anyone you know die, especially those up in age;because its as if they been around forever and now their gone.I know it is very hard to lose someone, I've lost many friends and family. But the bible helped soothe my mourning,maybe these scriptures can serve as comforting words as well as they did for me. At John 5:28,29 it tells us:28 Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice...Acts 24:15 also mentions a resurrection notice it says:and I have hope toward God, which hope these [men] themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous...so you see our God, Jehovah is going to make it so that there will be a paradise earth and the righteous will reside upon it (Psalms 37: 29). So may these scriptures help you to cope.##imported-begin##sorry2 hear##imported-end##

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