

**Finding Aid for Terry Lynch 9/11 Commemorative
Collection, 2001-2002**



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Descriptive Summary

Title: Terry Lynch 9/11 Commemorative Collection, 2001

Creator: Mrs. Jackie Lynch, widow of the deceased

Record No: MSS 2018.1

Accession No: UA 2004.35

Extent: 1 MS box (.40 linear feet)

Abstract: Terry Lynch was a YSU alumnus who perished during the terrorist attack on the Pentagon in Washington, DC on September 11, 2001. His wife, Jackie, donated materials given to the Lynch family following his death.

Administrative Information

Provenance: Jackie Lynch

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Historical Background

Terence (Terry) Michael Lynch was born on September 5, 1952 in Youngstown, Ohio to Thomas and Cathleen Lynch. He graduated from Ursuline High School in 1970. Terry went on to Youngstown State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts (1976) and Master of Arts (1978) in history. During his time at YSU, he was active in Greek life through the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He served in executive positions and was a member of their intramural football team. Terry was also a graduate assistant in the History Department during the 1977-1978 academic year.

In 1977, he married Jacqueline Frechko, a 1972 YSU graduate. Together, they had two daughters, Tiffany and Ashley. From 1983 to 1995, Terry worked for Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama. In 1999, he became a military and healthcare issues expert at Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. At this time, Terry and Jackie began raising awareness of, and funds for, research on juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a condition that their daughter Ashley has had since birth, and systemic lupus, which afflicts their daughter Tiffany.

On September 11, 2001, Terry was in the Pentagon in Washington, DC, where he was advocating to extend military benefits to their families. He perished there during the terrorist attack at age 49.

Since his death, Terry's family has created multiple foundations and scholarship funds in his name. The Terence M. Lynch Pediatric Arthritis and Other Related Diseases Association offers assistance with medical expenses for families in need. The Terry Lynch Foundation grants scholarships for middle and high school students to attend the Space Camp that Terry helped build in Huntsville, Alabama. The Terry Lynch Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to four upper division history majors at Youngstown State University.

Directly after the terrorist attacks, Youngstown State University students Tony Spano and Sara O'Brien began raising money for a September 11 memorial on YSU's campus. The memorial includes a 30-foot flagpole and two trellises that represent the Twin Towers. There is also a special dedication to Terry at the memorial with a picture of him, a short biography, and a letter expressing condolences from Terry's former boss Senator Richard Shelby to the Youngstown State community. On September 11, 2002, a prayer vigil and ceremony was held at the flagpole in honor of Terry and the other terrorist attack victims. Terry's wife, Jackie, attended the ceremony, spoke about Terry, and presented Tony Spano, Sara O'Brien, and four other students with scholarships in Terry's name. Terry's sister Katie Miller also attended the ceremony, and Terry's daughters, Tiffany and Ashley, attended a memorial at the Pentagon that day.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials given to the Lynch family following Terry's death. There are photographs of Terry, sympathy cards made by schoolchildren for the Lynch family, the flag that was draped over Terry's casket, pamphlets from Terry's funeral and other memorial events, and proclamations from government officials.

Colophon

This finding aid was created and processed in March 2018 by Janell Verdream, the 2018 spring semester practicum student in Maag Library's reference department. The contents of this collection were previously displayed at an unknown time in an unknown location, as suggested by the presence of foam labels describing the contents. These labels were discarded.

Series Description

Series I: sympathy cards
Series II: programs
Series III: government letters
Series IV: photographs
Series V: flag

Related Materials

Lynch, Terence M. (1977). History of Youngstown State University Oral History Project. Maag Library Archives & Special Collections Stacks (Oral History 0120, 0137, 0183, 0260, 0293, 0362-0365, 0438). Youngstown, Ohio.

Youngstown State University. *Neon, 1974*. Maag Library Archives & Special Collections, p. 148.

Youngstown State University. *Neon, 1975*. Maag Library Archives & Special Collections, p. 168.

Youngstown State University. *Neon, 1976*. Maag Library Archives & Special Collections, p. 221.

Index Terms

Terence Michael Lynch
Jacqueline (Frechko) Lynch
September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001

BOX 1

SERIES I:

This series contains sympathy cards that were made by students at Holy Name School in Youngstown, Ohio and given to the Lynch family after Terry's death.

Folder No.	Contents	
1	handmade sympathy cards	2001

SERIES II:

This series contains programs and pamphlets from Terry's memorial service and other memorial events for all of the victims in the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Folder No.	Contents
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2	programs	2001-2002
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SERIES III:

This series contains letters from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Folder No.	Contents	
3	government letters	2001

SERIES IV:

This series contains two photographs of Terry from an event with military members at which he gave a speech.

Folder No.	Contents	
4	photographs	Circa 1990s

SERIES V:

This folder contains the U.S. flag that was draped over Terry's casket.

Folder No.	Contents	
5	U.S. flag	2001