

There is little risk to the donor, because the remaining kidney enlarges to absorb the workload that both kidneys previously shared. Organ transplantation may enhance or extend a life of a loved one.

Surgery

Nephrectomies at New York- Presbyterian are performed in a minimally invasive fashion using laparoscopic surgery. For anatomical reasons, the left kidney is usually removed. Tiny instruments that are inserted into three or four small incisions in the abdomen. This procedure significantly reduces

- * post-operative pain
- * scarring
- * shortens recovery time

New York -Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center Renal and Pancreatic Transplant Program. Phone 212-305-6469.

The kidney transplantation program at New York- Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center and New York Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell Medical Center are the oldest in the Region and the largest in the nation.

Doctors at the two programs together perform more than 450 kidney transplants each year. Both centers committed to increased access to transplantation and returning as many patients as possible to active lives.

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For more information please contact
Renal and Pancreatic Transplant Program
at
212- 305-6469

If you decide you would like to help Terry, please state that you would like to be tested as a possible donor for Terry Merced.

If you would like to call the Merceds their number is 1 (336) 298-0037

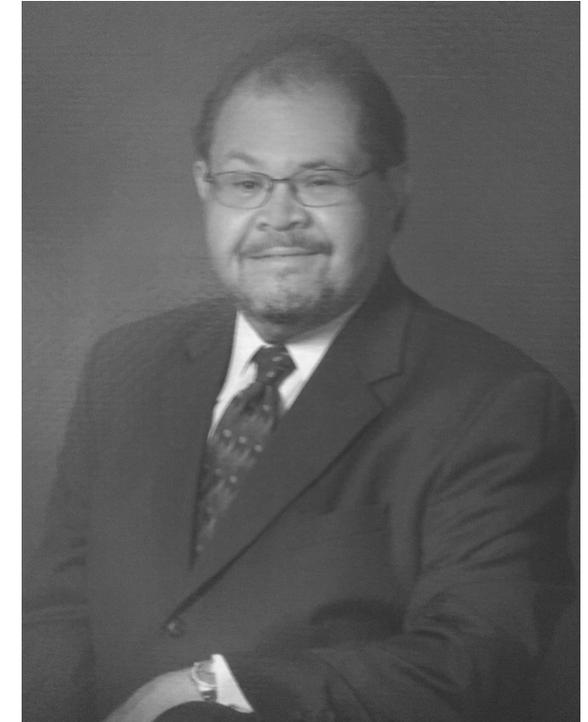
or

Lissa Gesumaria at 732-539-3460



Terry and his family would like to say Thank You in advance.

A Kidney for Terry



Terry Dominic Merced

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Terry Dominic Merced was born in Newark, NJ in 1953. He lived in Elizabeth, Union County until 1998 when he married and moved to Scotch Plains, NJ. The family moved to Manalapan, Monmouth County, NJ until 1999 when they decided to move to Ocean County, NJ

EDUCATION: Terry attended school in Elizabeth, NJ. Graduated High School in 1971. Graduated from Saint Peter's University with a degree in English/Education. Taught for seven years in Elizabeth while attending Seton Hall University School of Law. Was admitted to the NJ BAR in 1982.

CAREER: Terry worked as an attorney for the State of New Jersey. Worked in the Office of Public Defender, was promoted to Deputy Defender and was in charge of the Monmouth County Regional Office. Then he was transferred to the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice. Was then Bureau Chief working in areas and was assigned as the Chief of the Major Narcotics Bureau. Terry worked closely with law enforcement agencies at the local, county and Federal levels. Terry was promoted to Assistant Attorney General. Terry retired from the State of New Jersey after 25 years of service.

HEALTH: Terry was born with congenital heart disease which was repaired with open heart surgery in 1998 and then in 2014. He was diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Failure, which has since become Stage 5. Dialysis is imminent. In order for Terry to have quality of life, A NEW KIDNEY IS NEEDED. He has been approved for kidney transplant surgery by NY Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. His wife attempted to donate one of her kidneys for transplant, but was found to also have a kidney problem and was unable to donate. Others, who have also wanted to donate a kidney were unable due to health issues.

PERSONAL: Terry has been a dear friend to many. He is the devoted husband to Barbara for almost 30 years. He is the proud father of his daughter by marriage, Victoria Del Gaizo Moore PhD., whom he raised and has always considered his daughter. He is the proud and loving Pop Pop to his two granddaughters Angelina and Anabella. Terry and his wife Barbara now reside in North Carolina, to be close to their daughter and granddaughters.

Who Can Donate?

Compatible liver donor transplants in which blood type and genetic make-up between donor and recipient match well are the gold standard of kidney transplant procedures.

Potential kidney Donors must be:

- * 18 years of age into their 70s
- * in overall good health
- * preferably immunologically compatible with the recipient
- * free of diseases such as Cancer, HIV or Hepatitis C

" Donor Swaps"

Is facilitating transplants where matches would not have been possible. A paired exchange consists of two (or more) kidney/donor recipient pairs whose blood type are not compatible or when the recipient has antibodies against their donor so that each recipient can receive a kidney with a compatible blood type.

Since 2004, the hospital has performed many two way swaps, which require for simultaneous operations, as well as several three-way and four way, and even six way exchanges.

These arrangements allow some patients to receive a transplant who otherwise would not have a compatible donor.

Living Donor Transplants

Allows patients to receive a kidney quicker. Family members or anyone can offer to donate a kidney to a person in need, and this is the most commonly performed type of living organ donation.