



I started with the Coastal and Marine Geology Team as a graduate student volunteer in 1997, then as a GS-9 summer hire in 1999, and then as an affiliated post-doctoral researcher in 2000. During most of this time I was treated, rightly so, by many of the higher-ups in the Coastal and Marine Geology Team similar to how a private gets treated by a battle-tested sergeant in war - don't waste any time getting to know them because they'll be gone soon, and if you do invest time, it will just be harder when they leave. Well, that was how most people acted towards me, but not Terry - he always went out of his way to see how the "little" people (well, compared to Terry, we're ALL little people) were doing and spent considerable time listening to our concerns. Through the often sub-par interim facilities we occupied during our numerous moves, Terry always went out of his way to keep sure people's well being was the top priority, even when it probably caused him ten times more work.

As the Associate Team Chief Scientist during my time with the Coastal and Marine Geology Team, Terry always got to play good cop to the Team Chief Scientist's bad cop, and at least I was always happy and never worried to have him pop into my office. Terry exemplifies what it means to be a true leader - someone who treats everyone, no matter what their status or rank, as an equal and cares about their well being. I've always said there are a ton of good scientists out there that can do what is required of them in a science organization like ours, but there are very few people like Terry who can do the science and be a wonderful people person at the same time. He's a wonderful man, I'll miss him dearly, and I can only hope to contribute as much to our Team as Terry did.

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