



Todd W. Otto

September 5, 1961 - April 19, 2018

Todd W. Otto, 56 of Rural Phillips, died Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Services will be 10:30 AM Tuesday at the Bosselman Conference Center at Fonner Park. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial will be in the Phillips Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Todd.

Todd was born September 5, 1961 at Saint Francis in Grand Island, the son of W.K. and Beverly (Stewart) Otto. He was raised and continued to live on the family farm south of Phillips. Todd is a graduate of Aurora High School class of 1979. He received his Business-Finance Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1983.

On June 25, 1994 he was united in marriage to Dawyn Vogel. He worked for the Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association from 1985-87. He continued his career at Fonner Park in December of 1988, serving most recently as the Chief Operating Officer and manager of Keno.

Some of Todd's memberships included Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Riverside

Country Club, Grand Island Saddle Club and served on the Phillips Cemetery Association.

Todd thought the world of his daughter, Abbie, and enjoyed traveling to MLB games and various horse race tracks across the country. He was a kind-hearted man who would silently help those in need without expecting anything in return. Todd also enjoyed managing his family's farm outside of Phillips.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Dawyn; their daughter, Abbie; sister, Sue (Gary) Washburn and family of Lincoln; brothers, Tim Otto of Aurora and Randy Otto of Rolling Hills, California; his mother-in-law, Patricia Vogel of Grand Island and his special aunt, Marilyn Fischer of Grand Island. He will be sadly missed by his horse racing family and many other friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and father-in-law, Don Vogel.

Cemetery Details

Phillips Cemetery

Phillips, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Service

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bosselman Conference Center
700 E Stolley Park Rd
Fonner Park Complex
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ *Todd W. Otto*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Our community was so fortunate to know Todd's dedication and talent. Please accept my sympathies and know that I am thinking of you and your family*
Vicki Mack.

Vicki Mackenstadt - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *Dawyn and Family,*

We are very sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary and Tracey (Stevens) Ostwald

Gary Ostwald - April 25, 2018 at 07:57 AM



“ *Dawyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you.*




Ann Briseno Hansen - April 24, 2018 at 12:13 AM

JA

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Jeffrey Apel - April 23, 2018 at 06:52 PM

 Pam Bergmark

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I am sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you. Comfort from your family and friends and the hands of God. Hugs Hugs Hugs . Sorry I am unable to make the service. But my heart will be there. Love Pam Bergmark ❤️

Pam Bergmark - April 23, 2018 at 05:29 PM

GH

“ Greg and Veronika Herrig purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Todd W. Otto.



Greg and Veronika Herrig - April 23, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.



April 23, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to all the family. Jim and Deb Willis*

Jim Willis - April 23, 2018 at 03:26 PM



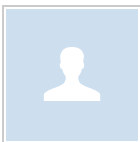
“ *Enjoyed our years in Lincoln Brother Otto. Brother Zadina*

Kurt Zadina - April 23, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *My prayers of Peace and Comfort for Todd's family. He was a very caring, gracious and genuine person. I haven't seen him for years but have very good memories of him and the person he was.*
Kris Mortensen

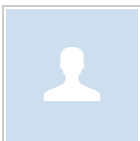
Kris Mortensen - April 23, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.*



April 23, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.*



April 23, 2018 at 12:13 PM

RH

“ *Ron & Stef Honz lit a candle in memory of Todd W. Otto*



Ron & Stef Honz - April 23, 2018 at 10:56 AM

RO

Dawyn & Abbie, We are so sorry for your loss. It seems like we've know Todd forever, and we loved seeing his photos of Abbie and know she meant so much to him. You will be in our prayers.

Ron - April 23, 2018 at 11:02 AM

LN

Our prayers and thoughts of Todd are with his family. I was especially close to his parents. So sorry he left us all so soon. Lois Nielsen and family.

Lois Nielsen, Lincoln, NE - April 23, 2018 at 03:18 PM

MG

I am shocked and saddened that my classmate, pledge brother, roommate and best friend through college is gone. Never would I have guessed that the last time I shook his hand at a Husker game would be the last time I would shake his hand. Godspeed brother. Until we meet again, may you be at peace.

Michael Grier - April 23, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.*



April 23, 2018 at 10:33 AM

TK

“ Tom Kropp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Todd W. Otto.



Tom Kropp - April 23, 2018 at 09:11 AM

KH

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Henthorn Helms

Karen Helms - April 23, 2018 at 08:55 AM

GH

“ Dawn and Abbie, we are so truly sorry to hear about your beloved Todd!!! Greg has very fond memories of playing softball with Todd, and said they had a pretty darned good team! Praying that you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you(s), and that the memories, love of family and friends will give you comfort and hope as you walk through the days ahead. Sending you comforting hugs and healing prayers.

Greg & Cindy Houselog

Greg & Cindy Houselog - April 23, 2018 at 12:52 AM

YP

“ YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Todd W. Otto.



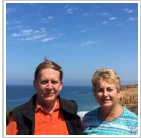
YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS. - April 22, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.*



April 22, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dawn and Abbie:
I just found out about Todd's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

May God grant you peace and serenity.

Dave and Karen Colan

Karen Colan - April 22, 2018 at 09:33 AM

JB

“ My prayers are to the Otto family. My father Irvin (Burlie.) Burelison visited W.K. And Beverly since the sixty's pheasant hunting each year. I started going with my father in 1985 and then until 2012. I met Todd on my second trip to Phillips,NE. In 1986. I liked Todd a lot, we liked the same things and had several things in common. I did not always see Todd each year, but always kept up with Todd and family when talking to Beverly each year till her death. I had on one occasion met Todd's wife and Dougherty when Abbie was very young. The last time I saw Todd and family was at W.K.'s funeral. I'm sure Todd will be missed by his loved ones and friends. I will always have fond memories of Todd, Randy, Beverly and W.K. Otto.



From the Burelison family and all the (Indiana Hunters)

Jim & Joy Burelison

Jim and Joy Burelison - April 21, 2018 at 09:50 PM

TC

“ Dawyn and Abbie,
I am so sad to hear of the loss of your loved one. Prayers to you as you mourn and go through this difficult time. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorry, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." Rev. 12:4 I pray this peace for you and your loved one.

*Tina Chasek
UNK Faculty.*

Tina Chasek - April 21, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.*



April 21, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ *Marilyn and Pat, our hearts and prayers are with you. Gordon and Sally Hrnicek*

gordon hrnicek - April 21, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *Dawn I am sorry for your loss 😞. I wish I could be there to hug and comfort you ❤️. There is no words that can be said to you to make you feel better for you and Abbie 😞 I just wish I could take your pain from you ❤️ If you ever need to talk, cry or yell I am here for you always Darcy 😞❤️❤️❤️*
308-381-7685



Darcy Spanel - April 21, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *Dawn, sorry to hear of Todd's passing. I talked to him last year on the day of the Bosselman, The same day I talked to you. Everything happens for a reason! He will be missed. Your friend always, Wally*

TOM D. WALAHOSKI - April 21, 2018 at 12:03 PM

JA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Todd from 1990 to 2005 while serving as the horse racing writer for the Grand Island Independent. My memories of Todd are many, from a lasting friendship to his dedication to Fonner Park.

Todd was seemingly always at Fonner, arriving along with the horsemen around dawn and staying long after most had left. His dedication was something few could match.

Thanks, Todd, for being a friend. And thank you for all your contributions to Nebraska horse racing.

Your efforts, and a lasting friendship, will always be remembered.

Jeff Apel - April 21, 2018 at 10:08 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Todd, I remember he was always so happy and vibrant. I had the pleasure of knowing Todd when I worked for the Daily Racing Form with my Dad at Fonner. He always had a smile on his face and would make you feel at ease in any situation. Todd, you will be missed greatly by all, rest in peace my friend.

James "Scott" Williams

Scott Williams - April 21, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Todd W. Otto.



April 20, 2018 at 10:30 PM