



Todd Ruhter

August 7, 1967 - April 30, 2015

Todd G. Ruhter, 47 of Grand Island died Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Golden Living Center-Park Place.

Celebration of life service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6th at All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Additional celebration will follow at Nathan Detroit's.

To honor Todd's wishes cremation has taken place.

Todd was born August 7, 1967 at Hastings, NE the son of Stanley and Glenda (Sanford) Ruhter.

Survivors include his parents of rural Prosser; brother, Tony (Julie) Ruhter of Ainsworth; nephews, Buck and Ty; maternal grandma, Dorothy Sanford; close friend, Len Winter of Hastings; aunts and uncles, Judith (Glen) Johnson, Diane Sanford Overy, Randy (Barb) Ruhter, Sam (Janine) Ruhter and Tom (Jo) Ruhter and as many loving cousins and friends as there are stars.

He is preceded in death by grandparents, Delmont Ruhter, Wauneta Kroll, Gerald Sanford; aunt, Barbara Sanford Boettcher Smith and uncle, Larry Sanford.

Todd graduated from Doniphan High School, Class of 1985. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He worked for many restaurants around the country, mostly he has been part of the Nathan Detroit's family for several years.

Some of Todd's enjoyments included gardening, cooking, politics and reading. He served as Chair for the Hall County Democratic Party. Todd is a longtime

member of Christ Lutheran Church at Juniata. Todd has left a lasting impression with many. As Todd stated, "I have had 47 wonderful years!" A memorial fund will be established in memory of Todd.

Tribute Wall



“ *Todd Ruhter*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I have only just learned of Todd's passing, and send my condolences to Todd's family. I write to honor this wonderful being, who was my friend and whose memory I cherish. He spoke lovingly about his family and western Nebraska, about ranching, about honoring his parents while also learning to honor his full self. I met him in 1990, when a lot was changing for him, back in Lincoln, and we both lived in Washington, DC. He left me a book that I've kept to this day, with a kind inscription and his "guiding principles" - a poem by Max Ehrmann called "Desiderata," about finding peace in life no matter what comes along your way. Sending love and peace to the whole family, and holding dear his words, his kindness as a friend, and his grand courage as a human being.*

Tara - June 25, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ 180 files added to the album Memories Album



All Faiths Funeral Home - May 07, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CG

“ Todd was my neighbor, for a time. It didn't take long before I knew what a treasure he was. Witty and fun, one day, he asked if he could take care of a particular " sad little plant " outside my door. This would lead to more in the way of plant activities :-). It was neat to see his latest project, like his photographs of alleyways and downtown views. So talented.

Todd had the best personality, a little bit of everything mixed in there - to me he was, kind, helpful, insightful, supportive, strong.

One could see, his interests were far reaching, in many ways, through writing and politics of a few; and that he had a care for the larger world, of wanting and succeeding - to make a difference.

It was a pleasure to know you Todd

Godspeed

Cecilia

Cecilia Garretson - May 05, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd Ruhter.



May 05, 2015 at 12:52 PM

TI

“ To Todd's family and friends, my deepest condolences. Todd was an incredible person, that everyone on the planet should have known! After moving away, touching base with Todd was always a highlight of my visits home. It's like time had stood still and we could pick up just where we left off, even though months or years had gone by. Hours with Todd seemed like minutes! Time it seemed just flew by. I would often reflect after our visits just how amazing he was; how proud I was of him and how lucky I was to know him. It always makes me smile when I think of him. I learned from him, I laughed with him and I always looked forward to the next time.

May you find comfort knowing he touched so many lives in such wonderful positive ways.

To Todd, I am a better person for knowing you. Thank you my friend. Until the next time 'eh?

Love,

Tina Stott your other friend in Canada :)

Tina - May 05, 2015 at 12:01 PM


Jessica
Noyd

“ When I first moved to Grand Island, I discovered Nathan Detroit. One night, I was reading a book at the bar when I was told that I needed to meet one of the bartenders. He also always carried a book and read it (and many others) whenever he could. I feel incredibly lucky that I had the opportunity to call Todd my friend. He and I shared a love for the written word, a well planned and tended garden, and especially a love for the history of the place we called home. He will always be remembered as a fighter and advocate for all people, no matter who you were or where you came from. You are missed, my dear friend, but never will you be forgotten.

Jessica Noyd - May 05, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ Todd Ruhter? was a fighter, a true believer and a friend to everyone he crossed paths with...his humor was felt by anyone who met him and his purpose in life was seen through this actions.



I loved the story of him helping a bunch guys with cattle while out delivering yard signs to folks in the 3rd district. His work boots never far away...

Todd posted this quote on his facebook wall not too long ago, Scott Kleeb? and I will always remember your love for our great state and the people some politicians (never the ones Todd worked for) forget when they get elected...you always stood tall for those who needed help finding the light. Thank you our fellow fighter...

"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way." - Satchel Paige

Jane Kleeb - May 05, 2015 at 12:17 AM



“ Todd always had a smile, a positive attitude and wore his heart and convictions on his sleeve, It was a pleasure knowing such an honest, caring and straight forward person. He died way too young but touched lives in a positive way. He lived life to the fullest and I know he had no regrets. The smile you brought to others will be missed forever Todd. Our family and friends inside joke was calling him Toddles and he laughed every time we called out his nickname. You will be missed dear friend.

Kent Boughton - May 04, 2015 at 08:58 PM

TR

“ *The Staff of Ruhter Auction & Realty purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Todd Ruhter.*



The Staff of Ruhter Auction & Realty - May 04, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SM

“ *I met Todd in high school when we were both at NAYI, then reconnected when we both went to UNL. Todd was one of the funniest, brightest, most magnetic people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. The world was a much better place with him having been in it, and all of us having the opportunity to know him. May you rest in peace, my old friend. You are missed dearly.*

Susan Moorhead Mooney - May 04, 2015 at 04:36 PM

GR

“ *I met Todd during a city council meeting advocating for lgbtq protection and we hit it off. His personality was infectious, a man full of life! When my father suddenly passed away he was one of the first people to send his condolences. The world lost one of its most passionate, truly awe-inspiring person. Todd was my friend and he will be missed terribly. My condolences to his family.*

grady - May 04, 2015 at 02:04 PM

LM

“ My friendship with Todd was a treasure in so many ways. He made me smile, he made me think, and he made this corner of the world a special place simply because of his compassion and dedication. My heart hurts that I didn't get to see him these past few months. I thought about him often and I sincerely hope that he realized there are a lot of people who genuinely valued calling him "friend".

Lori Moss (and Monte) - May 04, 2015 at 11:09 AM

AB

“ Todd was one of a kind - loving heart, incredible sense of humor and love for everyone. Even those he didn't particularly care for or agree with. He was a servant - helping many through his words and deeds. I feel blessed to have known him. He is already missed...

Anita Lewandowski Brown - May 04, 2015 at 08:39 AM

SM

“ Todd, Never saw you lots of times but I know you had the most wonderful loving family you could have had. When we were in the lunch business all you folks were just extended family to us and we loved you all. God has great plans for you and will take good care of all left here. Till we meet again God's Peace to all of you. Jerry and Sharol Mousel

Sharol Mousel - May 04, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“ I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your Son and Brother. As a roommate of his in college, I got to know him as a great friend. I loved his plants. I still have a plant that I propagated from one of his. I will keep it forever.

Kevin Pohlmeier - May 04, 2015 at 12:32 AM



“ Todd was one of the most amazing people on the planet. He was smart, funny, courageous and incredibly compassionate. The world would be a much, much better place if we had more people like Todd.

Peter Letheby - May 03, 2015 at 11:14 PM

AS

“ I got to know Todd through the Nebraska Ag. Youth Institute and as a student at UNL. He was a great friend. Our thoughts & prayers to the family

Andy Schmidt - May 03, 2015 at 10:49 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Todd Ruhter.



May 03, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Glenda, Stan, Tony. Todd was a great guy we had so much fun together in college. I will miss him!

Lex McDaniel - May 03, 2015 at 08:24 PM

PJ

“ I met you only once Todd but through Facebook I knew and loved you dearly! You will be missed by so many as you were so loved.

patty jones - May 03, 2015 at 01:39 PM

PR

“ I didn't know Todd but have heard many wonderful stories from my best friend Kellie. From those stories, I could get how wonderful of a person he was. My condolences to his entire family. May the memories bring peace to you.

Paula Rathman - May 03, 2015 at 07:50 AM

BM

“ My thoughts and my prayers strength go out to Todd's family.. each and every one. I am so sad. I enjoyed your exchanging views and ideas with him...his thoughtfulness and his ability to understand and accept..... Was a gift. He will be so missed. 47 years was not enough...

Beth Moore - May 03, 2015 at 03:39 AM

KO

“ Thinking of you all, Stan, Glenda, Tony, and others. A flood of memories rushes back . . . Remembering Todd as a man of many talents, a strong spirit, an incredible mind, and a great sense of humor and fun. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kyla Hall Olson - May 02, 2015 at 11:39 PM

ML

“ I am so sorry to hear of Todd's death. He was such a wonderful friend when we were at UNL together on East Campus. I was so thankful that I was able to reconnect with him over the last 1 1/2 years through Facebook. Todd will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I pray that you each find peace during these difficult times.

Merri (Wright) Leach
Atchison, KS

Merri (Wright) Leach - May 02, 2015 at 11:24 PM

RL

“ Know Todd's death has left a huge hole in all your hearts. He was a *SPECIAL* guy who had so many talents. We will miss him dearly! Praying the days ahead will be filled with happy memories that will ease the hurt. May the good Lord wrap his arms around you!

Rita Lammers - May 02, 2015 at 07:03 PM

DU

“ I always enjoyed the times Todd came in Heartland Antique Mall for a visit. He had the most wonderful sense of humor and always had people laughing... Also the times in Nathans when he would come to the table for a visit. I think he seldom met a stranger. Makes me sad to know I wont see him here again or laugh at his tales...RIP Todd....you will be missed by many.

Deb Uden - May 02, 2015 at 05:41 PM

MF

“ Will never forget Todd holding Mandy on his shoulders at the George Strait concert at Buffalo County Fair. She couldn't see from the bleachers and wanted up front so Todd made her night. She was about to start kindergarten and Monique college. Monique, Kristin and Roxanne where there too. What a night to remember. HUGS to the Ruhter family. Todd will be greatly missed.

Marilyn Flagle - May 02, 2015 at 04:46 PM