



## Todd Stinson

April 29, 1956 - February 7, 2019

Todd Stinson, 62, of Lincoln, formerly of Grand Island died Feb 7th of natural causes at his farm near Waverly. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, Feb 23rd, 10 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island with Father Don Buhrman officiating. Burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

He is survived by his life partner of 27 years, Cindy Chessmore of Lincoln, her daughter Niki and fiancée Mike Joy and her children Miles (Jake) Hannah and Samantha; a sister, Sarah (Tim) Scott and their children Jackson and Patrick; and a brother, Chris (Sue) and children Sam and Elizabeth. Also survived by nephews, CJ and John (Frosty) McClanahan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Shelly and husband Gary McClanahan. Memorials may be made to the Chessmore Education Fund.

Todd was born on July 29th, 1956 in Grand Island to Jack and Georgia Stinson. He attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated from GISH in 1974. He attended UNL and began his career as a stockbroker with First Mid America in Omaha, later moving to Dallas working in the same field.

If Confucius was right and if one does what one loves then they will never work a day in their life, then Todd quit working about fifteen years ago when he became involved in the horse industry, thus never working again. He absolutely loved being in that business and cared for his animals with a compassion that was unsurpassed. Their welfare always came first. For the last five years he was involved with 756 Farms LLC, a beautiful, peaceful

thoroughbred farm in upstate New York about forty miles from Saratoga Race Course running an operation of up to one hundred horses.

Since his death so many people have said "Todd was Todd." As Polonius said to Laertes in Hamlet, "To Thine Own Self Be True," and Todd epitomized that. He spoke with his mind and did so in a voice that was at times calculated to not discriminate against those hard of hearing. But he had a quiet gentleness to him that endeared him to so many, especially children. A person that always reached out to those who were hurting.

Todd was unfailingly upbeat, always absolutely convinced that things would work out wonderfully. What a great attitude to have. He was kind of like a court jester, would fly into a room making people laugh (or gasp) then fly back out. People were not ambivalent about Todd. He was such a loving, funny, hardworking, determined person.

Beneath a boisterous, gregarious, sometimes exasperating exterior, beat a heart that was unfortunately tender in more ways than one. He died caring for his horses, doing what he loved. May we all be so lucky. Todd finally crossed the finish line...with a nose in front.

Good bye only for now dear Todd, we love you with all our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## **Grand Island City Cemetery**

Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ I helped created the vision of Thoroughbred Style with Todd years ago. I didn't see this legacy page for him until today . Sending all my love, prayers to Todd's family . Fondly, Cheray

Cheray - August 06, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Todd Stinson

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I was a Phi Delt with Todd. He was younger but he had a very independent attitude. I can honestly say that he "did things his way" at 1545 R. Nothing but good memories. John Gutschow

John W Gutschow - February 25, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Todd Stinson.



February 22, 2019 at 08:22 PM

JG

“ I am so sad to know that Todd's life has ended, here on earth.

*My main memory of Todd, was always as Chris's little brother. It took me a while to not call him.....*

*"FAT TODD" ! Geesh, the things a person remembers.*

*I hope that made you laugh, Chris.*

*Big hugs to you, Sue and all the family.*

*Jolene Huckfeldt Gee*

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**Jolene Gee** - February 18, 2019 at 07:52 PM

CH

*I'm glad I'm not as cruel as I used to be. I don't think (hope) he didn't hold it against me. Pretty sure he didn't...*

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**chris** - February 19, 2019 at 02:11 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss! May God give you peace that surpasses all our understanding!



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**Karen Strawder** - February 17, 2019 at 07:20 PM

BM

“ Rest in Peace 'ol buddy.  
Say Hi to all of our friends in HEAVEN



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**Brue McWilliams** - February 17, 2019 at 04:12 PM

MW

“ TO ALL THAT LOVE TODD: MAY GOD BLESS, HOLD YOU & GIVE YOU ALL HIS LOVE & COMFORT I PRAY,MARIAN"BIG SPIN" WALTERS



MARIAN WALTERS - February 16, 2019 at 02:16 PM

JW

“ Todd was a great neighbor of mine for years. Talked about his horses a lot. I'm a gardener and everybspring always brought me a bale of hay for my tomatoes I didn't know Todd or Cindy real well but have always enjoyed exchanging xmas gifts with them fir years. You will b solely missed Todd god bless you and the family

jolene woodward - February 16, 2019 at 01:46 PM



Oh my. I heard Todd passed. What happened?

Prakash Kaur - February 17, 2019 at 01:20 PM

MG

“ Lovely obit. I haven't seen Todd in decades but have unfailing memories of his humor and good cheer. Condolences to his family.

Matt Greenberger - February 16, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Stinson.



February 15, 2019 at 01:54 PM

JE

“ *What a good natured man, a true friend an awesome to talk to , crazy how suddenly life changes for all who knew and cared , God bless us all in are journey to understand, thanks to Todd for all he cared about and loved*

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**jerry** - February 15, 2019 at 01:49 PM

JR

“ *To Todd's family, my deepest sympathy for your loss! Chris, you probably can guess what the first thing that popped into my head was when I heard the news, that infamous car ride in the convertible years ago, ha He was a fun guy then, and can see that he continued that on down the road.*  
*Jeff Royer*

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**Jeff Royer** - February 15, 2019 at 09:28 AM



*Just returned from a family vacation to find out about Todd's passing . . . Have not seen Todd for years but often I reminisce so many of the events (adventures) we experienced together as fraternity brothers. You were quite the wingman. Save me a seat up there "Stinny" - see you down the road. Paul Roth*

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**Paul Roth** - February 18, 2019 at 12:14 PM