



Todd Adam Mogilner

November 1, 1966 - November 15, 2018

Age 52 of Delano, passed away on Thursday, November 15th. Survived by parents, Neil & Saralee Mogilner; sisters, Julie Jonas and Lisa (Steve) Greer; nieces and nephews, Sam & Sarah Jonas and Jack & Charlie Greer; and aunt and uncle, Barbara & David Betten. Todd worked for many years at United Health Care. He was a beloved member of Parkers Lake Baptist Church and his Delano community. Todd was a kind person who loved animals and humans alike. Memorial service 1:00 PM TUESDAY November 27th, 2018 at HODROFF- EPSTEIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 126 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to the American Diabetes Association.

Comments



“ Dear Neil and Saralee, Julie, Lisa, and families,
Thank you so much for opening up your family to us today at Todd’s memorial! Though we regret meeting under such difficult circumstances, it was truly a joy to meet you all and share in celebrating Todd’s life and the hope that he held. Below are the remarks that I shared today.

I had the privilege of knowing Todd these last 11 years. We met at church, we did Bible studies together, read books together, served together, and in the end, we clipped his cats’ nails together. One thing that I appreciated most about Todd was his transparency and frankness. When I asked Todd, “How are you?” I quickly learned that I was not going to get any answer but the unvarnished truth. Whatever amount of Minnesota nice he had been born with or acquired, had been catapulted from his psyche. Todd told it like it was, not as he thought I wanted to hear it.

Another thing I appreciated about Todd was his willingness to help. He lent a helping hand at our church many times over the last 11-12 years. He was always willing to share his expertise, and he would go above and beyond what you asked of him. A few years ago, my wife and I made a CD with recordings of our children singing as a Christmas gift to our families. Since I knew next to nothing about recording technology, I asked Todd if he would be willing to come along and run the sound and record our singing. He did, he and did a great job. Without telling us, he then created a bonus track and distorted my children’s voices to sound like a cross between Alvin and the chipmunks and the Smurfs. He didn’t have to do that. I didn’t ask him to do it. He just did it because he knew that we would enjoy it!

For several years, his work gave him 2 tickets to a Twins game once a year. To my knowledge, he never went to those games himself. Rather, he’d find a couple and give the tickets to them. Not only that, but he’d give money out of his own pocket to pay for us to go out to dinner beforehand to make sure that we had a nice evening together! He was that kind of a giving person. I do remember, however, that he didn’t offer to babysit my 6 kids that I had at the time. I think his final offer was that he could only handle 3. So, we found another baby-sitter.

Having said that, he almost always invited me to bring some of my children with me whenever I came to visit. He did such a good job reaching out to them, and putting them at ease, especially the shy ones. He would tease my children, and let them know right away that they had nothing to fear from this old man (old from my kids’ perspective). They gave speeches to him that they were working on for school, and he would listen to them, give them valuable critiques, and then tease them about it if it was one of my sons. If it was one of my daughters, he would just congratulate them, tell them how great they did, and agree with everything they said.

And yet, as fun as Todd could be, he struggled with depression at various points in his life. This he confided in me in several of our conversations. And yet, he never gave up his hope that Jesus Christ had saved him from his sins and that one day He would rescue Todd from the physical and emotional burdens that he carried in this life. Though there were times when Todd was in the throes of depression, he clearly was on the upswing in his last months of life. I noticed it the last couple of times I met with him. The last time we visited, we met for over an hour, and Todd didn’t even mention the word depression once! I remarked about that to my wife when I returned home.

Though I am terribly saddened to have lost such a good friend, I am incalculably thankful for the time I got to know him. He was a blessing to me and my family, and to so many others! And he helped me grow in my faith in Jesus Christ, and I am thankful for the peace that Todd now has because of Him.

Dave Griffieth

Dave Griffieth - November 27 at 05:32 PM



“ We were saddened to hear about Todd's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that you and your family are in our thoughts. May memories of Todd bring you comfort. Love you...Nancy and Joe Peilte

Nancy Peilte - November 19 at 02:12 PM



“ Thinking of you at this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

Nancy McKay

Nancy McKay - November 19 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Neil and Sara Lee; I am so very sorry to hear of your devastating loss and send you my love and deepest condolences. Thinking of you both at this very difficult time...with love, Susie Hoffman Lewis

Susan Hoffman Lewis - November 18 at 08:46 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss! Please know that I am thinking of you and sending my Love and most Heartfelt Sympathy to you from Palm Springs!
Joy Bratter

Joy Bratter - November 18 at 02:52 AM



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Joy Bratter - November 18 at 12:01 AM



“ Dear Saralee,
I recently got acquainted with you at BOND events this year. I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. My sincere condolences to you & your family. May you feel my virtual emotional support for you & your loved ones at this difficult time.
Edie Zidel

edie zidel - November 17 at 10:58 AM



“ dear sara lee and neil and family, i was so sorry to hear of your loss. my sincere sympathy. fondly, joni hymanson

joni hymanson - November 17 at 10:03 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Todd's passing. Todd was an awesome man with a big heart. Always willing to help where needed. He was a blessing to many and will be missed. My wife and I attended the same church as Todd. Praying for all of you during this time. Praying God's super abundant, never ending, all sufficient, overflowing and amazing grace is unbelievably evident to each of you during this time.

Praying Always,

Jeff & Becky Whiteford

Jeff Whiteford - November 17 at 01:11 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to learn about Todd's untimely death. I send fervent sympathy to your family at this difficult time.

Ruthie Usem

ruth usem - November 16 at 11:38 PM



“ condolences on the death of todd.
nancy malmon

nancy malmon - November 16 at 10:11 PM



“ It is with heartfelt sympathy I send my love to you in your deep loss. May Todd's memory be a blessing. Love, Jeannie (Baer) Marver.

Jeannie Marver - November 16 at 09:58 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear this. My heartfelt condolences.
Sandy Okinow

Sandra Okinow - November 16 at 08:49 PM



“ Neil and Saralee, I know the horrible heartache of losing your son Neal
IF WORDS COULD ONLY WASH AWAY
THE EMPTY FEELINGS OF THE DAY
HOW GRAND I'D BE ON THE MORROW
TO KNOW THAT I'D RELIEVED YOU OF YOUR SORROW
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY OR DO
EXCEPT OF COURSE TO PRAY FOR YOU
FOR STRENGTH TO ACCEPT WHAT YOU MUST BEAR
KNOWING THERE ARE THOSE WHO CARE
May God Heal Your Broken Hearts Quickly
MAY YOUR SON REST IN PEACE



Peggy Kane - November 16 at 05:33 PM