



## Steven Mark Todd

February 14, 1957 - May 9, 2024

Steven Mark Todd, age 67, passed away peacefully at the Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha, NE on May 9, 2024, after a short but courageous battle with cholangiocarcinoma. He was surrounded by his children, family, and friends.

Steve was a Valentine baby born on February 14, 1957 in Omaha, NE to Charley and Trudy (Roesler) Todd. He lived in Omaha before moving to Murdock, Nebraska, graduating from Murdock High in 1975. He was a multi-sport athlete and homecoming king. One peer said that he had so many medals on his letterman's jacket they clanged together when he walked through the halls. After graduating, he attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1979. While attending UNL, he met the love of his life, Debbie; he later told his father that he fell in love with her because she was "always smiling."

The couple married on June 14th, 1980. They made their home in Illinois, where Steve worked for International Harvester. After a few years, they became parents, but they missed the "Good Life" and returned to Nebraska, where Steve spent many years working for Vickers in Omaha. They expanded their family, and eventually moved to Kearney. There, Steve worked for Baldwin Filters (later Clarcor and Parker Hannifin). He and Debbie returned to Omaha in 2021 due to Debbie's diagnosis of advanced esophageal cancer. Steve was her devoted caretaker through her final months. After losing the

love of his life on Christmas Day 2021, Steve continued to work remotely, finally retiring in December 2022.

Steve was an amazing man, and a hero to many, including his children. He was devoted and loyal, and showed his love for his wife and family in unique ways. Having an engineer's personality, he loved Excel Spreadsheets, calculated numbers and dates frequently, and preferred to draw up plans, whether in designing some aspect of his house or simply making plans to live a full life. He practiced the motto to "measure twice, and cut once" even if cutting once might include an injury to a finger or other limb. He was rarely seen without one of his many Yeti mugs, often misplacing it or his stylus for his phone.

Steve was also a die-hard sports fan. A favorite pastime of his was attending Husker football and basketball games, with an occasional volleyball game. During the height of Husker football success, it wasn't gameday without hearing the Tunnel Walk on the stereo speakers in his house. He also cheered for the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals, and the Boston Celtics.

Steve loved his wife, and they were married for over 40 years. He loved his children and his grandchildren. He loved the mountains of Colorado (and John Denver). He loved Coca-Cola, orange jelly fruit slices, and Lemon Meringue Pie Jello Cups. Debbie's Toll House chocolate chip cookies, her apple pie with extra cinnamon, and the infamous Todd Brownies were all favorites. His laugh was distinct, and his favorite sitcoms frequently brought it out including "The Office" and "Seinfeld."

He had a passion to leave the world better than he found it, as he worried about what the Earth would look like for future generations, especially for his grandchildren. He invested in battery-operated power tools, recycled

everything he could, and planted many trees on his new property in Omaha. He always had goals and plans, such as renovating his home, traveling with his wife and family, and simply beating cancer. Many of these plans were left unfinished.

His devotion to his wife, even in death, was unmatched, as he toiled to keep her graveside beautiful. He painstakingly planned their shared stone, laid sod, planted flowers, mowed, and designed a system he put in his truck bed to easily water the grass and flowers. Steve's devotion was simply a part of who he was.

Steve was preceded in death by the love of his life, Debbie, along with his father, mother, and older brother, Mike Todd. He is survived by his three children, Laura Cushing, Bryan Todd (Addi Schurrer), and Lisa Williams (Raymond), his grandchildren, Carter and Layla Cushing, and Sophie Williams; his sisters, Sue Schuelke (Steve) and Mary Barta (Bryan); four granddogs, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to Prospect Hill Cemetery for Tornado Relief Efforts or to the family for determination at a later time.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 16.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Steven Mark Todd*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - May 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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“ *Our family returned to Nebraska over many years for family reunions and visits. Often we would spend time on the Todd farms in Millard, and later Murdock. Mike and Steve would lead us on tours of the farm and introduce us to some of the chores, which they performed on a daily basis, but appeared to us city dwellers as an exotic activity.*

*I enjoyed talking about old times with Steve at the Roesler reunions. He also told me a little about his engineering work and the products he designed and maintained. They were important for improving the performance and extending the life of the agricultural equipment farmers depend upon to feed the nation. In that way, Steve was carrying on a tradition brought to this country by our ancestors, as his great-great grandfather Anton Roesler was a farmer who also invented a draft equalizers for horses.*

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**Tom Benjamin** - May 16, 2024 at 10:56 AM

KY

“ Kathy Yearsley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven Mark Todd.



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**Kathy Yearsley** - May 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM

GH

“ Hearing of Steve’s passing has left me stunned. I am comforted by the fact that he is with Jesus, his beloved Debbie, Trudy, Charley, and Mike. Steve and Debbie were such a likable and friendly couple. They blended so well together and were fun to be around. Their laughs and smiles filled a room.

Being the first grandchild born into the Roesler family, I have memories of Steve as a very little boy. He and all the Todd kids along with my brothers and I had such fun together on the farm. We named cows, played hide and seek in the bales of hay and out buildings and had no technology to occupy our minds. It was the highlight of our summers.

Steve was very outgoing and enjoyed conversations and recalling memories. He was loyal to all those he loved. Well done, Steve.  
Gretchen Hendrickson

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**Gretchen Hendrickson** - May 11, 2024 at 11:31 AM

MF

“ Megan (Schliefert) Wilson & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Mark Todd.



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**Megan (Schliefert) Wilson & Family** - May 11, 2024 at 08:31 AM

PC

“ I cannot imagine the depth of this loss for you. Please know that I'm thinking of you and hoping for healing wherever it is possible. Steve was a precious cousin to us and I will miss him always. He was such fun and I loved his infectious laugh and remarkable sense of humor! Steve always knew how to put everyone at ease. I have been flooded with so many wonderful memories. I absolutely cherish the time I had with Steve whenever we visited the farm. How fortunate I was to have that time with all the Todd family.

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for him. —  
Lamentations 3: 21-24

*Blessings and Peace, Pat Cookson*

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**Patricia Elizabeth Cookson** - May 10, 2024 at 07:20 PM

Jl

*I am deeply saddened by the passing of my cousin Steve Todd. I fondly remember visiting the Farm in Murdock and then later seeing Steve at Family reunions. My heart and prayers go out to the entire Todd family. I know my Mom Edie Isaacs is very fond of Steve and She loved seeing Steve at the family reunions to Nebraska.*

*Prayers and Blessings, Joseph Isaacs*

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**Joseph A. Isaacs** - May 18, 2024 at 09:19 AM