



Todd Brian

December 28, 2022

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Dec 03, 1963 – Dec 28th, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Todd Brian announces his passing after a very brief but brave battle with ALS on Wednesday, December 28th, 2022, at the age of 59 years in Toronto, Ontario.

He is survived by Mother Judy Jacobs (and husband Peter), Brother Troy Brian (and wife Susan, as well as their children Chelsea, Megan and Brock), and Sister Tara Brian (and son Gavin).

Todd is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Mary Waley and many cousins, aunts and uncles, as well as a “second family” of close friends in Toronto, Ontario.

Todd was a very charismatic soul who would light up a room with his energy and humour. He was an avid runner, participating in many marathons as well as a passionate tennis player, belonging to a League in Toronto. He was a world traveler, visiting both coasts of Canada, Vancouver and Halifax, Greece, Spain, France, and Australia among many other locations, having friends in every place he visited.

He went to Vincent Massey Secondary School and continued a lifelong desire

for knowledge at the Canadian Film Centre, Centennial College, and Ryerson University to name a few.

As a teenager he was accepted as a Parliamentary Page for Queen's Park and while visiting Toronto in this capacity, it made a huge impression on him.

His work life included being a Red Seal Sous Chef at places such as the Hilton Windsor and the Upper Law Society of Ontario.

He also was a creative writer working as a senior Writer for CBC Television, Story Editor/Writer at eOne TV, Development Coordinator at Barna-Alper Productions and most recently Director of Development, Animation at WildBrain.

His family would like to thank all of his friends who helped him get through his battle with this terrible disease. Special thanks goes out to Kathy Kiiskinen, Doug Taylor, Marta Pankiv, John Ellis, Emad Hussein, Jane Clarke and husband Steve, Steven Sharpe & husband Luiz, Janet Richards and Alexcia Reid for their support and empathetic friendship in his final days.

A celebration of life will honour Todd on Saturday March 4th, 2023 from noon until 4pm at Historic Willistead Manor, 1899 Niagara St., Windsor

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Historic Willistead Manor
1899 Niagara Street
Windsor, ON N8Y 1K3 (CA)

Tribute Wall

SF

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Suzi Fraser - March 23, 2023 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ Troy, Sue, Chelsea, Megan and Brock, we are sorry to hear of your brother, brother-in-law and Uncle's passing. We wish for you to find comfort as you read the tributes from others. Our condolences to each of you.

Larry and Cathy Robertson and family

Cathy Robertson - January 18, 2023 at 02:13 PM

KR

“ Judy, Troy and family, sorry for your loss. I remember Todd working at the shop with Troy during the summer when school was out. He was at the Dome Petroleum job one time doing clean up jobs, fueling up the welding machines etc. A quiet boy but always willing to help as I think back. We offer our condolence.

Kelly and Jo-Ann Robinson.

Kelly Robinson - January 15, 2023 at 08:43 AM

BM

“ There will be music and songs, when we hear them will bring back the memory of our loved ones who have gone. Some music will be those soft slow songs that will inflict old memories and moments mixed with tears. It is the loud boisterous songs that lift our spirits as we reflect on those times together that we danced and sang all night til the sun came up. Laughter is the fuel that will fill our empty hearts and souls with joy. Let the music bring down the walls, the drums and rhythm to lift us from our seats and finally our voices singing a sweet melody with a chorus to bring us together in bittersweet harmony.

Brian & Susan McNamara

Brian McNamara - January 14, 2023 at 07:37 PM

LC

“ Dear family of Todd - You will never know so many of us that just knew Todd through a pitch meeting here and there. He was one of the brightest, most joyous people one could ever meet. I'm so lucky to have had his light in my life so fleetingly. My deepest condolences.

Loredana Cunti - January 12, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JG

“ Todd and I have been friends ever since we met at Ryerson in the early nineties.

We were part time film students and clicked right away; since then we shared many laughs and adventures.

Todd's energy, panache and sass always spiced things up and made fun times a riot.

We had lots of good times and great conversations over the years, sharing our zesty sense of humor or having deep serious discussions and kvetching about this or that.

I am forlorn that this has come to an end.

My condolences to Todds family and friends; he will be greatly missed.



JASON GEORGE - January 10, 2023 at 09:18 PM

VP

“ We’ve read and re-read these beautiful tributes to Todd, and they’re making us laugh and cry at the same time.

Todd, we will miss your spark and your hilarious, sassy comments, your sly grins & mischievousness, your kindness and empathy, and, of course, stirring it up on the floor with you and your high kicks!

You’ve stepped out way too soon, lovely pal.

xo Val & Vos



valerie phillips - January 08, 2023 at 01:09 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences for the passing of this wonderful human. May he forever be remembered for his incredible attitude, sunny disposition, and the most glamorous high kicks any of us have ever seen. I will never forget his gracious and warm spirit. What a joy of a man!

Jessica Benchemam - January 06, 2023 at 08:16 PM

SK

“ Todd was such a ray of sunshine in the industry. The friendliest, most joyful, most supportive person, who gave the absolute best notes. I'm going to miss you so much, Todd! I feel very lucky to have crossed your path. And if Reuben ever becomes a drag star I'm going to make sure he goes by "Rainbow Reuben" in your honour!

Steph Kaliner - January 05, 2023 at 01:16 PM

DD

“ Todd was the only friend I had who would never hesitate to belt out a heartfelt round of "Delta Dawn" with me - now that's the sign of a good friend... Todd's social circle was rich in character, dynamic and full of beauty because so was he. We are joined to each other by the gifts he left for us (high kicks and singing voicemails to name a few). He was never shy to speak his mind to his friends (tough-love Toddy) or to send off an email to a restaurant that hadn't quite met with his expectation. Never unreasonable, just direct.

Todd, it goes without saying that you left us far too soon. But I can promise you that there will always be a seat at our table for you and a spot on the dance floor that's all yours.

Bye for now Hot Toddy.

xo, dvd

Debbie Van Dusen - January 05, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SF

So beautifully said Debbie. Thank you.Suzi Fraser

Suzi Fraser - March 23, 2023 at 01:57 PM

MF

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Todd's family & friends. Having worked with Todd during his time at Barna-Alper - he made an out of school newbie feel welcome with his relentless humour, energy and wisdom. I look back at those memories and Todd is always part of those years having a laugh. Your wit was relentless, Todd - Thank you!

Myro Fal - January 05, 2023 at 09:00 AM

RM

“ I can attest to Todd's down-the-line passing shots that whizzed past me at the net! His choicest exhortations in German when he missed a shot always brought a smile to my face wherever I was at Moore Park.

Todd always had a quip at hand and was a genuine well-wisher. Heartfelt condolences to his family from my sister Mrinalini and I - we will miss the good times and conversations we shared with Todd on and off the tennis courts.

Rohan Menon - January 04, 2023 at 01:05 PM

CG

“ My condolences to Todd's family and friends. Todd was great company. I enjoyed many years of losing to him on the tennis court. He was a fierce competitor on the court but always quick with a self deprecating joke, and the post match drinks were the true pleasure of being in his company. I missed seeing him after moving away from Toronto. I feel for all of you that will miss Todd's presence in your lives.

C Grosset - January 04, 2023 at 12:46 PM

JE

“ Todd brought positivity and joy to every interaction anyone had with him. Always on the ready with a witty joke that made you laugh and smile. He will be deeply missed and I'm sending condolences to his family and friends.

Jeff - January 04, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RK

My condolences to Todd's family and friends. Todd was great company. I enjoyed many years of playing with him on tennis court. He will be deeply missed and I'm sending condolences to his family and friends.

Ravi K - January 04, 2023 at 05:38 PM

JB

“ *Such a bright light. In an industry where people all too often insincerely shine you on, Todd truly shone on you with sincerity, integrity, and creative passion. May you rest in the arms of angels, Todd.*

James R Backshall - January 03, 2023 at 11:58 PM

KW

“ *My heart goes out to all that are lucky enough to call Todd family and friend. He was always the brightest light in the room, ready to charm and dazzle anyone he met with his precocious spirit, quick wit and warmth. The amount of laughs we shared seemed infinite. And while I can't imagine a world without his magic, I am so grateful for our time together. He was truly one in a million. Love you, Toddy.*



Katie W - January 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

JH

“ *Todd could illuminate a room with wit, charm and passion - all with a mischievous smile. I will miss his light. Condolences to all those who loved Todd.*

James hyslop - January 03, 2023 at 01:32 PM

HS

“ Sending so much love and deepest condolences to Todd’s family. I had the privilege of working with him in TV and I can’t begin to describe his brilliance and vibrance. I’ll never forget his laugh, kindest words, fun socks, high kicks, and how he’d leave me singing voicemails to brighten my day. He will be greatly missed, but his impact will surely live on.

Heidi Schorn - January 03, 2023 at 11:50 AM

PH

“ I am so saddened to hear of Todd’s passing. I only became aware of his illness recently. I first met Todd when he was on vacation in Sydney Australia from there I visited him in Toronto on many occasions being introduced to his lovely family and friends on my visits. I always wanted him to come and visit me in Melbourne and really thought it would happen one day but unfortunately it will not happen. He was such a good friend to me over all the years, always offering an ear to listen to the ups and downs we all go through, he would come back with sound advice with a touch of wit . I am going to miss you my friend, you were one of life’s gentlemen.



Paul Houston - January 02, 2023 at 04:54 PM

AA

I was very sad to hear of Todd’s passing. He was a very positive person and always had a smile and a positive thought (and Pear or Apple) to share. You are missed.

aaron ames - January 03, 2023 at 09:57 AM



My condolences to Todd's family and family-of-friends. Todd was amazing at creating connections and as a coworker he never failed to find the lighter side to any scene or situation and brighten up a meeting. A life too short but so well lived.

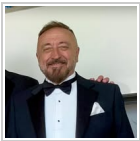
Pam Slavin - January 12, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *My condolences to Todd's family. I have very fond memories of Todd, and with Paul (our mutual friend from Australia). Todd's sense of humour, smile, and charming personality will always be remembered and never forgotten. Peace my dear friend, Todd. May the tail wind help you fly to the hands of our creator.*

Todd Tran

Todd Tran - January 02, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *I am so honoured to have had Todd as a friend. I have many many fond memories, on and off the tennis court and so much more. I loved Todd's sense of humour. he was one of the few people that could make me laugh. I was so happy to see Todd when he visited me last May. 3 weeks of joy and adventure visiting Provence and the Italian Riviera. Love you lots Todd. Thank you for being in my life and thank you for always cheering me up, making me feel good and for bringing so many happy moments. Words cannot properly express. My thoughts to Todd's family and friends. Alan*



Alan Jervis - January 02, 2023 at 02:36 PM

MI

What a fantastic photo. Thick as thieves. We'll have to see the unedited photos from the nicé adventure @ todd's celebration of life;)

mike - January 04, 2023 at 09:35 AM

KK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kathy Kiiskinen - January 01, 2023 at 11:29 PM

MI

I love this pic of you guys

mike - January 04, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JG

Todd was a lovely tennis player, a really good sport, lots of fun and was a pleasure to know. A good and lovely human being who is so fondly remembered.

John George - January 04, 2023 at 01:39 PM

KK

“ *My dear friend Todd. The thirty seven years of freindship we shared, was always filled with so much laughter. I will miss you. ❤️*

Kathy Kiiskinen - January 01, 2023 at 11:27 PM

TB

Kathy, Todd was so fortunate to have such a great friend like you. You were there for him in the fun times and the tough times, and we appreciate you being there for him when he needed you the most. We know that you must miss Todd, as we do greatly as well. His spirit and laughter will fill our memories always. Thank you for being a bright light in Todd's life...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:14 PM

MK

“ I am so shocked to hear of Todd's passing. Whenever I would see Todd at Moore Park, he was always so happy, we shared so much laughter over the years and he would always give you the biggest hug. We have lost a great treasure and I will miss him dearly. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Love

Mary Kavanagh

Mary Kavanagh - January 01, 2023 at 12:02 PM

TB

Mary, we are still in shock ourselves. The battle that he had with ALS really came out of nowhere, and took Todd's passion and humour away from us much too soon. Thank you for your heartfelt condolences and memories, it does help to comfort us in this difficult time...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:17 PM

FM

“ Todd brought so much joy and humour to the world. He will be missed at Moore Park Tennis Club. Condolences to his family and his many friends.



Fiona Miller - December 31, 2022 at 05:15 PM

TB

Thank you Fiona for your very kind words and condolences. We find comfort in your words...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:18 PM

JG

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JASON GEORGE - December 31, 2022 at 03:03 PM

TB

Thank you for the great pic Jason...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:19 PM

MI

“ *Todd was one of our tennis fearsome 4some. A strong bond between us lasting for many years. Todd was a truly unique and amazing person who would put you in your place if you needed to be. Charming, smart, witty and thoughtful are just a few of his many wonderful attributes. He will be sorely missed😭. My thoughts are with his family and many many friends. Mike Goniotakis*

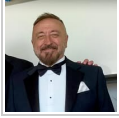


mike - December 30, 2022 at 10:37 PM

KK

What a fantastic photo.

Kathy Kiiskinen - December 31, 2022 at 06:02 PM



Great memories Eglinton Flats....Winter and Summer

Alan Jervis - January 02, 2023 at 02:38 PM

TB

Thank you Mike for sharing this photo and your great memories of Todd. Your sharing gives us comfort during this difficult time...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM

LM

*“ We remember Todd with smiles and send our deepest condolences to all who loved this dear man. Such a tragic loss. Sincerely,
Linda and Allan McLeod*

Linda and Allan McLeod - December 30, 2022 at 06:31 PM

TB

Thank you Linda and Allan for your very kind words, which are a comfort to us...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:22 PM

 Janet
Richards

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Todd's family.
May you know that as a long time friend of Todd's I share in your loss.
I have so many memories of Todd from his high kicks, to his dance moves, to his hosting and preparing exquisite meals. Todd could lift me from serious moments with a facial expression, a witty quip and we'd laugh. He was thoughtful, and a faithful friend. He once sent me a Happy Nurse's Day card, a first and only. He had many many friends who i believe all felt Todd's special soul.
I treasure so many memories.
Soar on Todd, my friend. You are free.*

Janet Richards - December 30, 2022 at 06:24 PM

JR

“ *My deepest condolences to all his family. My heart is with you all at this time of sorrow.
May you know that as one of Todd's many friends, for many years, I share in your loss.
Todd was a lifelong friend to me who helped me turn darker moments into one's I could laugh at, by one of his witty quips, or his facial expression. Or his moves, like the famous high kick, or on the dance floor. He will always bring a smile to my face when i remember him. He was a faithful friend who asked little for himself. He was a thoughtful person , and gracious and humble.
I have many texts that bring me to a joyful laugh when I reread. And photos.
I have so many memories that I am grateful for.
Todd was a treasure. To many people.
He will be sorely missed and was taken too soon.
May his spirit be dancing now.*

Janet Richards - December 30, 2022 at 05:32 PM

TB

Janet, we can't agree with you more in how we were all so fortunate to have had Todd in our lives to brighten up life's rough times, and to elevate moments in general with his wit, humour, and of course, high kicks! We are so grateful that you were there for him when he needed help and advice as he was battling this terrible disease. Thank you for being such a good friend to Todd, and for sharing such awesome memories...Troy, Sue and family

Troy and Sue Brian - February 05, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SF

I first met Todd at the Law Society in '94. He taught me so much about cooking and other life lessons. He could pull you out of the doldrums and make you laugh, as easily as launch into a serious conversation. I will be forever grateful for our thirty years of friendship and feel blessed to have known him. My thoughts and love to Todd's family.

Suzi Fraser - March 23, 2023 at 02:41 PM