



Todd Christenson

September 24, 1968 - September 27, 2018

St George, UT - Todd Christenson passed away at his home in St George, Utah on Thursday, September 27, 2018. He was born September 24, 1968, in San Francisco, California to Karalee Heiner and Robert A. Christenson. Todd is survived by his mother, Karalee H. Smith (Richard), his father, Robert A. Christenson, his sisters Holly (Jason) and Morea (Jacob), and his niece Hanna.

Todd spent the first four years of his life in San Francisco, California until his parents returned to Salt Lake City, Utah to raise their children and be closer to family. Todd was the first child in Utah to be diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. As a child he struggled to belong and was often teased by kids for his ticks and outbursts. This made us more compassionate as a family, understanding the challenges children with disabilities can experience. He was fortunate to have some dear friends that helped him feel more secure.

His three loves in life other than his family were children, animals, and senior citizens. He was legendary with kids and pets. They had the time of their lives with him and cried when he had to go. He will forever be known as Uncle Todd to so many. His heart was larger than life and everyone who knew him was touched by his kindness, charm and sharp wit. He had a great sense of humor, and we will always cherish the light he brought to any room.

His Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Wheeler Farm pavilion, 6351 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. In remembrance of Todd, we ask that you wear something that reminds you of him or casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to any of the following charities:

Tourette Association of America- Utah chapter <https://tourette.org/chapter/ut/>

Best Friends Animal Society <https://bestfriends.org/>

The Christmas Box House <https://thechristmasbox.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Todd 26 years ago when my boyfriend at the time (now my husband) Kent Patterson introduced me to "one of the wackiest and yet best friends a guy could have" -- that guy was Toddy. Todd was a big part of our lives from those early days of dating up to the day he was the best man at our wedding, and far beyond. Todd and I bonded immediately -- over our shared love of dogs (he loved those crazy blue-tongued chows), over our relentless teasing of Kent (or Billy as Todd called him), and over a huge love of the Utah wilderness and open skies. We spent countless hours on the road with Todd heading to Zion, Kaibab, and other Utah camping destinations. He **ADORED** our dog Bijou and she him. I remember him walking in the front door of the little house Kent and I shared and Bijou wildly spinning circles as soon as she heard his voice -- sheer joy for both of them :) Todd was Kent's first friend to truly accept me as part of the crowd and he always greeted me with a huge smile and a genuine hug, even though the two of us were as different as two people could be. Toddy, both Kent and I love you dearly. You will be missed!

Allison Dansie - October 06, 2018 at 02:49 AM



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Thank you for your consideration!

Front Desk - October 05, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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I never knew Todd, but occasionally I read someone's full obituary as I'm scanning through them. For some reason I stopped at Todd's and read the whole thing. I taught special Education back in the day and had one student in about 1987 who had Tourettes so I know of the difficulty he must have had as a child. Then, as I read on, I learned that the three things he loved were children, animals and Senior Citizens. I immediately felt a kinship with Todd because in my life of almost 70 years, those have been the three things I have loved the most and have mentioned that to almost anyone who knows me. To know that Todd had those same 3 loves told me a lot about the kind of human being he was. Thank you for allowing me to get to know Todd a little bit through his obituary which was so beautifully written. It will be my pleasure to honor Todd by donating a small amount to each of his charities and to find my local Senior Citizens center and make a donation to be used to giving those senior citizens a little bit better celebration of Christmas this year in Todd's name. May God bless all who loved him and made his life better by giving of yourself's and of your love to him in his struggles. May peace and comfort be with you at this time .

Sharon Drake - October 07, 2018 at 12:30 PM

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Sharon, thank you very much for your kind words about our brother, He will be missed by so many people, even some who never met him, like yourself. Due to his passing, we are meeting more and more people who's lives Todd touched, The wake of his compassionate nature will live forever in the hearts of many.

Holly and Morea (Todd's sisters)

Holly Hunziker - October 09, 2018 at 04:14 PM