



Todd M. Peterson

May 5, 1949 - December 11, 2018

Todd M. Peterson, 69, of Etna, California, passed away unexpectedly on December 11, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Patricia Peterson and the son of the late Walter C. Peterson and Barbara J. (Brinkerhoff) Peterson.

Todd was born in San Francisco, grew up in and around Los Altos Hills, California and attended Los Altos High School. He graduated with distinction from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Science, and with a Juris Doctor magna cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School. Todd was an elite athlete throughout his high school and college years, and was inducted into the Los Altos High School Hall Of Fame for his pole vaulting records. Todd practiced law in Chico, California for 28 years before moving to Etna in 2002 where he practiced law until his death. He was an avid fly fisherman, rugby player, a terrible golfer both left and right-handed, and made many a bad bet in Reno as well as a few good parlays on his favorite Bay Area sports teams. Todd loved to take his kids camping and thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren, dogs, roses and bungee cords. He loved to laugh, was quick-witted, enjoyed his Far Side calendars, and played a mean game of Trivial Pursuit. He was always willing to help out anyone in need and was a great counselor, admired for his high standard of ethics. Todd will be greatly missed by his family and many dear friends.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Megan Peterson Mitchell and

her husband Darrell Mitchell, a son, Kyle W. Peterson and his wife Carrie Campbell, a son, Christian W. Peterson and his wife Maki Peterson, a son, Tyler E. Peterson and his wife Nicole Peterson, seven grandchildren: Nalia, Jude, Soren, Theo, Maeve, Eliot and Henry and a grandchild on the way, his brother, Thomas W. Peterson and his wife Christine Peterson, his sister, Taylor Vanderlip and her husband Scott Vanderlip, his sister-in-law, Kristin Peterson and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his elder brother, Tyler C. Peterson.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, December 22nd at 11:00 AM at the Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna at 134 Church Street with a reception to follow. A second service is tentatively planned in mid to late March at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico. Donations in his memory may be made to Stanford University, specify The Walter Clayton Peterson Memorial Scholarship Fund with the payment. Online at giving.stanford.edu, or mail to Stanford Office of Development, 326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305-6105 or to the North Valley Community Foundation Camp Fire Relief Fund at www.nvcf.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Scott Valley Berean Church
134 Church Street
Etna, CA 96027

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I'm sorry for everything that has happened over the last week. We will all miss him. Be strong and we are praying for you.
Love Mark Jenner

Mark Jenner - December 19, 2018 at 08:45 PM

BF

“ We are sorry to learn of Todd's death. Remembering many fun times with you guys.
Karen Foster

*I'd take him for a partner anytime, right or left handed. A good friend.
Bob Foster*

Bob Foster - December 19, 2018 at 06:21 PM

LD

“ Gene and I were saddened this morning to read of Todd's unexpected passing. Our hearts go out to you, Pat, and your entire family. Todd was an amazing man having survived adversity with his love of life fully intact. God bless your family during this sad time.

Laura Damschen - December 19, 2018 at 01:18 PM

BW

“ We are going to miss Todd so much, Bob would always say” going over to see Todd” come back laughing about something Todd had to say. He and Pat were always there if we needed advice or just to joke about something. Our hearts are heavy , but we know God will comfort all of you ❤️🙏 God Bless RIP TODD

Bob & Linda Ward - December 19, 2018 at 10:15 AM

NJ

“ *Uncle Todd, you were always bringing a great sense of humor and a "never give up" attitude to life. You will be missed greatly but never forgotten.*

Nick jenner - December 18, 2018 at 11:05 PM

KR

“ *What a wonderful soul heaven has gotten. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. RIP Todd. See you later. Keep Rob in line up there don't let him cheat you in cards. (He will try) . Hugs to your family.*



Kim Ritola - December 17, 2018 at 05:04 PM

GJ

“ I cannot expres how much Todd has meant to me, his wife's twin sister! His great sense of humor as well as his array of jokes and stories always kept our family gatherings fun. He rarely criticized anyone but found the good in everyone. After moving to Etna, he bought buttons for Pat and I to wear so as to make light of people's confusion.... my button read "Yes, I'm Gail." Pat's button read, "No, I'm the other one!" However, back when Pat and he were dating, we fooled both Todd and Doug by dressing alike. Todd grabbed my hand, then turned and realized he had grabbed the me instead of Pat. He said, "That's too weird....Don't ever do that again!" Todd loved the old country roads, always taking them over highways. He greeted everyone and engaged in real conversations with anyone. As my hubby declated, his handshake was strong and his word was his bond. His integrity and compassion were legendary. I do not know how to express my love for Todd, and Doug and I grieve for all of us, but mostly for Pat, Megan, Kyle, Christian, Tyler, and their spouses and children. Todd loved family gatherings, esp at his home, where he might set out funky gifts from Davies' 2nd hand store. Pinatas at birthdays, BBQs with any assortment of people, including PCT hikers. He was always ready to celebrate, and he loved music, esp swing music and oldies but goodies. He was more than a brother-in-law. He was a real brother and a dear, wonderful friend. We will miss you, Todd....forever.

Gail Jenner - December 17, 2018 at 02:51 PM



A year later. Re reading these wonderful comments is wonderful. Sweetheart, RIP. I love you and always will. You are sorely missed. Pat.

Patricia Peterson - December 12, 2019 at 01:29 PM