



Ronald Todd Shuman

June 21, 1971 - May 30, 2016

On Monday, May 30, 2016 Ronald Todd Shuman went home quietly without causing a fuss. He was greeted by his father, Myron Shuman, grandparents, Edward and Louise Soren, Myron J and Sophie Shuman, his Aunt “Mimi” Sailey, and all his other relatives who have predeceased him.

The precious baby boy, Ronald Todd, was born on June 21, 1971 to his proud and happy parents at Helene Fuld Hospital, Trenton, NJ. Full of energy, smiles, and self-assurance he continued to lead his entire life spreading his panacea of happiness.

An avid learner, Todd graduated Burlington Township High School in 1989 winning two scholarships. He received his BA in History, Secondary Education from the College of New Jersey, his MA in American History from the Indiana State University, and studied his doctorate at the University of Illinois.

Any topic he chose to learn, he delved deeply and achieved expertise – from writing and organizing to web design, from history to the arts, from reading to dancing, from opera to dead head. His command of the English language was apparent in his reviews of historical writings and his reviews of local Chicago cabaret shows and lyric opera. He served as a resource for those around him – always ready to edit or research information for you. Coupled with his dry

sense of humor, he could always outwit you. He truly enjoyed living life and brought this joy to all those around him.

His consideration and caring for others was evident in his unexpected, simple emails, phone calls and notes to those for whom he loved and in his career choices. He worked for the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago for ten years. Here Todd developed and maintained the on-line fundraising campaign, coordinated corporate and individual volunteer projects, and served as the Sponsored Loaned Executive where he secured agency representatives to speak for United Way. He also trained coworkers on various computer programs. The “teacher” came out at the end of training sessions when he administered a quiz. From 2013 until present, Todd worked for Helix Ltd. as an Instructor/Consultant. His dream job enabled him to utilize all his assets while he received great pleasure from working with people, traveling, tasting the local cuisine, and snapping pictures of his destinations.

His passion for life, music, opera, theatre, concerts, German food, and people kept his personal life full. An excellent polka dancer like his father, he loved to party hardy especially for his birthday. Todd and his smile brought sparkle to each person he touched. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Left behind to miss Todd are his mother, Gail Shuman, numerous cousins, friends, and coworkers across the United States and Canada.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday at 11:00 AM at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 121 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Friends may attend his visitation on Monday from 10-11 AM at the Church. Inurnment in Greenwood Cemetery in Trenton will be held privately. Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church at the address above. Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Hamilton Twp., NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
121 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Todd Shuman*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Ronald Todd Shuman*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *We remember so well when Todd was in a wheel chair in pain how he shared his happy side in conversation and let us know how much he appreciated our help. Todd will never be forgotten.*

Our deepest sympathy to Gail, family and friends.

Sandy and Duayne

Sandy Mayton - June 08, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Dear Shuman family:*

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - June 07, 2016 at 05:45 PM

DK

“ We are so sorry to hear about Todd. I remember Todd as a happy boy playing board games with us at one of his visits to Delaware. Deepest sympathy to his mother Gail. You are in our thoughts and prayers. John Petkiewicz, John Jr., Doris and Amy Keen

Doris Keen - June 06, 2016 at 09:05 PM

DC

“ As a Helix customer, Todd frequently helped me with questions/problems I was having. He was always willing to go the extra mile to make sure the resolution given was the best one possible for us and with great energy and sincere caring. He will definitely be missed.

Deb Cooper - June 06, 2016 at 08:21 AM

LL

“ With heartfelt sympathy to Todd's mother Gail. I will always remember your visits to Delaware to visit Todd's grandmother, aunts, and cousins here. Todd had a loving and infectious smile. He was kind, genuine, and very intelligent. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Elliot, Lynda, Lexi, Ali, and Kaitlin Lord

Lynda Lord - June 05, 2016 at 06:46 PM

JH

“ Todd was special and amazing in so many ways. We always enjoyed your visit to our home during the holidays. Your grandmother was very proud of you and spoke of all your achievements. Deepest sympathy to Todd's mother Gail. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Joan, Kevin, Julie and Jen Holveck

joan holveck - June 05, 2016 at 06:11 PM

NS

“ You loved life. I am so happy to have spent time with you recently. Your kindness, your positivity and your sense of humor was one of a kind. I know how much you missed your Dad and I hope the two of you are together and having fun! I just wish we could have gotten together as planned in Chicago this summer. I will miss our family talks and your special way of making everything lovely and amazing in this world. You were genuine and so gentle and kind. I miss you so much.

natasha parks schmidt - June 05, 2016 at 08:06 AM

KM

“ Todd and I met in college at TSC. We shared several history classes and even jobs at the local movie theater. We had so many wonderful chats about music, shows, politics, etc. His spirit was amazing and I feel the void here without him. He truly was an inspiration and a wonderful human being.
Kelly McCracken-Villanueva

Kelly McCracken-Villanueva - June 04, 2016 at 11:23 PM

DM

“ I first would like to express my deepest sympathy to Todd's Mother, Gail. I remember Todd as a youngster. It was only recently that I reconnected with Todd through Facebook. What a joy it was to both Todd and I, as we are family that went in different directions after his Dad passed away. I read the many tributes to Todd and I only wish that we would have been able to see each other. We talked many times and planned for him to bring his Mom to Pennsylvania once again, to be with his cousins. I was stunned to hear the news of Todd's passing, but I surely am proud to be a small part of his family. His life was surely filled with many friends who respected and loved him in so many ways. Rest in Peace Todd.....you will be missed by so many.....hugs and love to Gail.....

Donna Shuman Myers - June 04, 2016 at 09:05 PM

DM

My maiden name was Shuman....

Donna Shuman Myers - June 04, 2016 at 09:07 PM

RB

“ I met Todd when we were both nursing broken hearts in Chicago in 1998. He swiftly became a close confidant, as we found humor in each others' misery and learnt to laugh together. He came to stay with me in NYC later to see Follies, and we both wept with joy. I am glad I went back to Chicago to see him again after he got out of hospital. Through our many emails and phone calls, I am thrilled to have shared a rich history and I will miss him more than I can say. Sleep well, sweet prince.

Ruth Bonnet - June 03, 2016 at 02:16 PM

EW

“ *When I met Todd, he was in a coma near death in a hospital. Watching him pull out through one medical crisis after another was one of the most inspirational experiences of my life. He overcame physical pain and disability and crushing depression to become (again) one of the happiest people I have ever met. The memory of that incandescent happiness is the only comfort I have to offer his family, with my condolences.*

Elizabeth Wright - June 03, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *I wish I had known Todd even better. As co-workers for Helix, we were friends. We only saw each other 1 week out of the year, but he's the kind of guy that made you feel like you'd been friends forever. I loved hearing and reading (Facebook) about the music concerts & shows he was attending, as well as times he was just hanging out with family and friends!! It was very obvious that he loved life and lived it to its fullest. It's incredibly sad that he's not with us any longer, but it's such a blessing to have known him. My sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. I'm sure he's telling great stories to those that predeceased him. (And, by the way, his obituary was one of the best I've ever read.)*

Peggy Stuber - June 03, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MC

“ I didn't know Todd personally but spoke with him extensively for assistance on projects for work. He was extremely patient, kind and knowledgeable and walked through everything as many times as it took for me to get it. I don't know what I would have done without his assistance. I'm sorry I won't get the opportunity to speak to him again. My condolences go out to Todd's family, friends and coworkers.

Matt Ceruti - United Way of Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Matthew Ceruti - June 03, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ I miss my 'other brother' SO much. we hadn't seen each other lately, but kept in touch over the years. He was there for me when my wife passed away. He had never met her, but he stayed on the phone with me. He not only listened to my tears, but he cried right with me. My heart goes out to Gail, Todds mom, as well as his many friends he had made over the years. He had the biggest heart of anyone I know, would do anything for anyone. RIP Todd. Love you, and you'll forever be in my heart and soul. XOXO
Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown - June 03, 2016 at 09:18 AM

ED

“ Words cannot express the shock and disbelief when we heard the tragic news Tuesday morning. Todd really loved his job and dealing with customers, and he didn't miss an opportunity to let me know. Even with some “challenging” assignments, Todd always had a positive attitude, and was very professional. After almost every customer training session, Todd would inform me “what a great group” he just had, and that he “had fun”. A very positive, friendly, young man that will be missed. Deepest condolences to Todd's family.

Ed May, Helix Ltd.

Ed - June 02, 2016 at 02:48 PM

EC

He did love working with you all at Helix, even from miles away.

Evelyn Crews - June 03, 2016 at 09:03 PM



Sabrina
Benton

“ Todd “found” me on Facebook a year ago. Reconnecting with him brought me such joy as we renewed our friendship from college. We chatted a bit and fell into the new normal of social media communication. It allowed me to see how much he simply enjoyed life. I looked forward to what show he was going to, movie he was watching, even political discussions. Sometimes I chimed in with comments or suggestions, sometimes I just smiled sharing that moment in time with him. He was a good friend and will be deeply missed. The heartfelt tributes from his friends are a reflection of how much love and kindness he gave us all. My condolences to his family and friends, I can't express my deep sadness at his passing.

Love and peace my hippie friend - Sabrina Benton

Sabrina Benton - June 02, 2016 at 02:35 PM

LI

“ I was and am very sad to hear about Todd's passing and still have a hard time believing he is gone. He was great to work with and was always so helpful when I needed assistance with customers and often tackled things he wasn't sure how to do. I liked sharing stories with him and he enjoyed telling me about all the exciting plans he had for the weekend. He will be greatly missed at Helix.

Lisa DiNorcio, Helix Ltd.

Lisa - June 02, 2016 at 02:24 PM

RB

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Todd's passing. Todd was a very nice man and a pleasure to work with. He never missed an opportunity to help customers and his co-workers. Todd was eager to try new things and was not afraid to take the bull by the horns. His energy and enthusiasm made him a great person to be around. We will miss him.

Real Bedard, President, Helix Ltd.

Real Bedard - June 02, 2016 at 01:04 PM

EC

*And he loved working for your company, including long travels to NF!
No complaints.*

Evelyn Crews - June 03, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MQ

“As Mike and I were remembering and sharing our many “Todd stories,” it was clear that Todd was giving us the gift of having a reason to laugh and be happy despite our tears. Todd was a loyal friend ever since we met in 1989, and even just a few days ago we were still e-mailing each other about our new musical discoveries. To his friends and family I send my love and best wishes—even if we have never met, we share a special and unique bond as having our lives touched by Todd.

Love, Michelle Quirk

Michelle Quirk - June 02, 2016 at 12:14 PM

CS

I never had the pleasure of meeting Todd but after reading these many wonderful tributes to him I am really sorry to have missed the opportunity to know him. My sincere sympathy to his mom, Gail and family.

Christina Stewart - June 03, 2016 at 03:32 PM

JB

My condolences go out to the family and friends of Todd. I never had the pleasure of meeting him, but I understand the pain associated with the loss of a loved one. My heart goes out to all family and friends. God Bless you all!!

Jamie Browne - June 06, 2016 at 03:01 PM