



Theodore J. Gourley III

May 25, 1981 - July 7, 2021

A sweet soul taken too early. Theodore J. Gourley III passed away due to natural causes on July 7, 2021. He had just turned 40. He will be dearly missed and has left behind a heartbroken family.

Ted or Teddy, as he was affectionately called by family and friends, was a loving brother and son, caring nephew, loyal friend and above all a proud father to his darling daughter. He is survived by his daughter, Isabelle Grace Gourley, sister Katrina Colleen Gourley, and twin brother Jonathan Samuel Gourley.

Ted lived in Mt. Holly for most of his life. He attended Rancocas Valley High School and was an accomplished wrestler on both the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams. He was awarded a college scholarship for his talent in wrestling and attended Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, Ted was involved in a tragic auto accident during his college career that ended his ability to wrestle. He transferred schools after his recovery graduating with a Bachelor's in Political Science from Stockton State University.

Ted went on to have a career as a financial professional at Prudential and had recently shifted to an enjoyable sales position at Pierce Phelps Heating and Cooling before his passing.

As a child, Ted enjoyed skiing and camping with the family, which he continued into his adult life. He enjoyed staying active and challenging himself physically.

Ted had a good sense of humor and a lovely, deep, warm chuckle that the family remembers fondly. This warm laugh was heard most often when Ted spoke about his daughter Isabelle or Izzy as he fondly called her. One could hear the pride and love he had for his daughter whenever he spoke of her. Ted was cremated and will be buried with his parents in the Mt. Holly cemetery. There will be a small, closed graveside service to celebrate his life and the life of his deceased parents, Theodore and Marlene Gourley, who passed away a few months before him.

Before Ted began his career with Prudential, he worked as a social worker helping at risk youth. He had a passion for mentorship and making a positive difference in the lives of at-risk teens. Donations in his honor can be sent to a local non-profit, The Crossroads Programs, dedicated to empowering youth who have experienced trauma encouraging them to lead healthy, productive lives.

<https://crossroadsprograms.org/ways-to-donate/memorials-and-honorary-gifts/>

Alternatively, donations can be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of his father and grandmother who he watched suffer from the disease.

<https://www.alz.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Theodore J. Gourley III*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Theodore J. Gourley III*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

KG

“Teddy was such a cute little wide eyed curly haired kid. I have many memories of my nephew, some of the most vivid involved summer camping adventures.

Newfoundland: Teddy smiling ear to ear watching beavers in the innumerable lakes.

Yellowstone / Tetons: Teddy, Jon and I back packed and set up camp next to a postcard perfect lake. Each morning a moose and her calf calmly walked past us; Teddy watched in amazement as the mother and calf grazed on the tall grass. He called her “Molly the moose”.

California, Carson Pass: Teddy and I hiked down to Fourth of July Lake for a swim and enjoyed the warm summer sun of the high Sierras. On our way back up to our base camp a powerful storm came out of nowhere; we found shelter in a small cave as lighting strikes hit near by and the ground shook with thunder. His face was full of wonder as we watched nature release her power.

Dear nephew you left us too soon, I'll continue the adventures with Izzy. We'll search for Molly's now grown calf.

Love, uncle Kevin

Kevin Gourley - July 30, 2021 at 11:22 AM

PK

“One of my "little" cousins...I will always remember you and Jonathan, at 6 yo, offering to teach me how to ski so I would come to the cabin with you. Such a loving and caring soul who was so so interested in family history...you are now meeting all of your family history. Thank you for the memories. I will miss your hugs the most.

Patsy Keller - July 29, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DW

*My sincere condolences to the Gourley family.
Dolly Weeks*

Dolly Weeks - July 29, 2021 at 10:35 PM

SF

I have the fondest memories of my beloved nephew, Teddy, from the moment he was born through my late night telephone conversations with him in which he would share his feelings and thoughts of the day. I will always remember how cute and funny he was as a little boy and what a great father he was to his little Isabelle. There is no way I can express the profound loss I feel now that he is gone He is the son I never had and I miss him so much. But, I know he is happy now that he has been reunited with his parents about whom he cared deeply. I love you and will be a presence in Isabelle's life. Rest in peace my dear Teddy.

Sandi Ferrara - September 03, 2021 at 11:10 AM

PK

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Patsy Keller - July 29, 2021 at 05:53 PM